



Child Protection Policy of Coláiste Iognáid, Gaillimh.

The Board of Management recognises that child protection and welfare considerations permeate all aspects of school life and must be reflected in all of the school's policies, practices and activities. Accordingly, in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Education and Skills' Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools, the Board of Management of Coláiste Iognáid has agreed the following child protection policy:

1. The Board of Management has adopted and will implement fully and without modification the Department of Education and Skills' Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools as part of this overall child protection policy.
2. The Designated Liaison Person (DPL) is Fr Shane Daly SJ (Principal)
3. The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP) is Ms. Catherine Hickey (Deputy Principal)
4. In its policies, practices and activities, Coláiste Iognáid will adhere to the following principles of best practice in child protection and welfare:

The school will;

- recognise that the protection and welfare of children is of paramount importance, regardless of all other considerations;
- fully co-operate with the relevant statutory authorities in relation to child protection and welfare matters
- adopt safe practices to minimise the possibility of harm or accidents happening to children and protect workers from the necessity to take unnecessary risks that may leave themselves open to accusations of abuse or neglect;
- develop a practice of openness with parents and encourage parental involvement in the education of their children;
- and fully respect confidentiality requirements in dealing with child protection matters.

The school will also adhere to the above principles in relation to any adult pupil with a special vulnerability.

5. Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary school are adhered to in all aspects of school life and feature in a significant number of other policies to include the following: Code of Behaviour, Anti-bullying Policy, Pupil Attendance Strategy, Good practice on School tours/Outings Policy, Pastoral Care Policy, Substance Abuse Policy, Transition Year Document, Guidance Plan, Guidelines for extra-Curricular Activities. The Board has ensured that the necessary policies, protocols or practices as appropriate are in place in respect of each of the above listed items.

6. This policy has been made available to school personnel and the Parents' Association and is readily accessible to parents on request. A copy of this policy will be made available to the Department and the Trustee/Patron if requested.

7. This policy will be reviewed by the Board of Management once in every school year.

Signed: Martin E. Curry S.J.
Chairperson of Board of Management

Signed: Shane Daly SJ
Principal (DPL)

Signed: Catherine Hickey
Deputy Principal (DDLPL)