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Child Protection Policy of St. Joseph's School

The Board of Management of St. Joseph's School 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 St. Joseph's has agreed the following child protection policy:

1. The Board of Management has adopted and will implement fully and without modification the Department's Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools as part of this overall child protection policy.
2. The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is the Principal, **Pádraic Fay**.
3. The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP) is the Deputy Principal **Emer Casey**.
4. In its policies, practices and activities St. Joseph's School 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 minimize 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 pupil with a special vulnerability.

5. The Child Protection Policy should not be viewed in isolation. Other policies which are in use in the school are very relevant, in particular the school's *Code of Behaviour*, *Anti-Bullying Policy* and *Health & Safety Statement* and *related documents*.

The Board has ensured that the necessary policies, protocols or practices as appropriate are in place in St. Joseph's School.

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 patron if requested.
7. This policy was adopted by the Board of Management on **5th March 2012**.
8. This policy was reviewed by the Board of Management at its meeting in May 2014 and no changes were made.

Signed: _____
Chairperson of Board of Management

Signed: _____
Principal

Date: _____

Date : _____

Date of next review: **May 2016 or earlier if necessary**