

Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh

Child Protection Policy



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 an Spioraid Naoimh 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 Mr. Michael Sexton (Principal)
3. The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP) is Mr. Michael Foley (Deputy Principal)
4. In its policies, practices and activities, Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh 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. Among the school policies, practices and protocols relevant to child protection that the school has developed are a Code of Behaviour, Anti-bullying and Anti-cyberbullying Policies (with accompanying Bullying Report Forms), an Internet Acceptable Use Policy, a School Attendance Policy, and protocols on one-to-one tuition, school tours and use of changing rooms.
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 will be reviewed by the Board of Management once in every school year.

This policy was reviewed and adopted by the Board of Management on _____ [date]

Signed: _____ Signed: _____

Chairperson of Board of Management *Principal*

Date: _____ Date: _____

Note: Original signed and dated Policy Document on display in school entrance hall

The *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools* are published in an on-line format which can now be accessed on the Department's website at www.education.ie > Child Protection.