

## **Child Protection Policy**

***The Procedures on Child Protection can be accessed on the Department's website at [www.education.ie](http://www.education.ie).***

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 Scoil Cholmáin has agreed the following child protection policy.

1. The Board of Management will implement without modification the Departments Child Protection Procedures for primary and post-primary Schools as part of this overall child protection policy.
2. The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is Helena O' Neill
3. The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDL) is Laura Hyde
4. In its policies, practices and activities, Scoil Cholmáin, Whitegate 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;
  - Carry out a Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment
  - Have, manage and implement Procedures to address the potential risks of harm identified in the Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment.
  - Ensure that the Child Safeguarding Statement is in place and displayed in the school
  - Develop a practice of openness with parents and encourage parental involvement in the education of their children;
  - Fully respect confidentiality requirements in dealing with child protection matters.
5. The following School Policies and Procedures are particularly relevant to child protection;
    - Code of Behaviour
    - Child Safeguarding Statement

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- Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment.
- Anti-Bullying
- ICT and Internet Acceptable Usage
- Mobile Phone Acceptable Use Policy
- Data Protection
- Pupil Attendance Strategy
- Health and Safety
- RSE
- Supervision
- Work Placement
- Outings/Activities/Initiatives

The Board has ensured that the necessary policies, protocols or practices as appropriate are in place in respect of the above listed policies.

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 Patron if requested.
7. This policy will be reviewed by the board of management once in every school year.

## **Ratification**

This policy has been ratified by the Board of Management.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Chairperson of Board of Management

Principal

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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