

St Michael's College 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 St Michael's College has agreed the following child protection policy:

- 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.

- The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is Mr. Tim Kelleher

The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP) is the Deputy Principal Mr A O Donnell

- In its policies, practices and activities, St Michaels College 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.

5. This document should be read in conjunction with all related School policies.

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

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 annually, using the checklist for annual review of the Child Protection Policy - Appendix 2. DES Circular 0065/2011.

This policy was adopted by the Board of Management on Tuesday 15th November 2011.

Signed:

Chairperson of Board of Management

Date:

Signed:

Principal

Date:

Date of next review:

