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Child Protection Policy - Carndonagh Community School

The Board of Management and Staff of Carndonagh Community School having approved the Child Protection Guidelines (DES) are committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of the young people in our care.

We acknowledge our responsibilities under the Education Act, Education Welfare Act, Equal Status Act, Education for Persons with Disabilities Act and *Children First – National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2011*.

We aim to discharge our responsibility by:

- Ensuring that all staff are informed of the latest Child Protection Issues.
- Adopting Child Protection Guidelines for teaching and non-teaching staff.
- Establishing an environment where each young person is treated as a valued member of the community.
- Ensuring that all in the school are aware of their duty of care and their responsibility to report.
- Providing instruction and guidance to the pupils on issues such as bullying, drugs and solvent abuse, self-esteem, personal safety, communication skills and responsibilities.
- Having constantly on display such material as Child Protection Guidelines and guidance and counselling advice.

The Child Protection Guidelines and this policy were approved by the Board of Management of CCS on 21st January 2016.



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Child Protection Policy of Carndonagh Community School

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 [insert school name] 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. Paul Fiorentini
3. The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP) is Mr. John McGuinness
4. In its policies, practices and activities, [insert school name] 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. This section of the child protection policy should be used to list school policies, practices and activities that are particularly relevant to child protection (e.g. the Code of Behaviour/Anti-bullying Policy, Pupil Attendance Strategy, Supervision of Pupils, Sporting Activities/School Outings/Pupil Work Placements at post primary etc.)

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 (if any) 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 adopted by the Board of Management on 21st January 2016

Signed: Kathleen McKeague Signed: [Signature]

Chairperson of Board of Management

Principal

Date: 21st January 2016 Date: 21st January 2016

Date of next review: February 2017

