

Tarbert Comprehensive School Child Protection Policy 2017

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 Tarbert Comprehensive School 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 Richard Prendiville**.
3. The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP) is **Ms Leila Moloney**.
4. In its policies, practices and activities, Tarbert Comprehensive 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 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 (over 18 years) with a special vulnerability.
5. All of the following school policies are particularly relevant to, and are designed to ensure, appropriate child protection:
 - Code of Behaviour
 - Anti-Bullying Policy
 - Critical Incident Policy
 - Special Needs Policy
 - Internet Use & Mobile Phone Policy
 - Substance Abuse Policy
 - CCTV Policy
 - Pastoral Care policy
 - Guidance Policy
 - Policies pertaining to SPHE; RSE; RE.
 - School Visitor Policy

The school adheres to all Dept. of Education and Skills requirements in relation to Garda Vetting.

All staff are reminded of school protection procedures at the beginning of each academic year and will sign that they have been made aware of all current procedures.

In the case of extra-curricular and co-curricular activities (sports, trips, lectures, work experience etc.) appropriate care is taken to ensure that children are in a safe environment and protected at all times.

Students in the school are supervised both inside and outside of class contact time. In the event of one-to-one meetings between students and staff due care is taken to ensure safety.

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 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. Child protection policies, protocols and practices will be made available, in the form of a Child Protection folder, to all newly appointed staff members.

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 29-11-2011

This Policy was reviewed by the Board of Management on 14-02-2017

Signed:

Chairperson of Board of Management

Date:

Date of next review: February 2018

Signed:

Principal

Date:

**THE DESIGNATED
LIAISON PERSON FOR ALL
CHILD PROTECTION ISSUES
IN THIS SCHOOL IS
MR RICHARD PRENDIVILLE**

