



Coláiste Íde agus Iosef

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Child Protection Policy of Coláiste Íde agus Iosef

Coláiste Íde agus Iosef, Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick is a post-primary school providing post-primary education to pupils from First Year to Leaving Certificate Year.

In accordance with the requirements of the [Children First Act 2015](#), [Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017](#), [the Addendum to Children First \(2019\)](#), the [Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools \(revised 2023\)](#) and [Tusla Guidance on the preparation of Child Safeguarding Statements](#), the Board of Management of **Coláiste Íde agus Iosef, Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick** has agreed the Child Safeguarding Statement set out in this document.

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 (revised 2023)* as part of this overall Child Protection Policy.
2. The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is Liam Murphy
3. The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP) is Joan Collins
4. The Relevant Person is Liam Murphy

(The relevant person is one who can provide information in respect of how the child safeguarding statement was developed and will be able to provide the statement on request. In a school setting the relevant person shall be the designated liaison person.)

5. 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, procedures, practices and activities. In its policies, procedures, practices and activities, the 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 comply with its statutory obligations under the Children First Act 2015 and other relevant legislation relating to the protection and welfare of children;
- 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.

6. The following procedures/measures of particular relevance are in place:

(Code of Behaviour, Anti-bullying Policy, Attendance Policy, SEN Policy, RSE Policy, Supervision of Pupils, Sporting Activities/School Outings/Pupil Work Placements).

7. 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.

8. This policy will be reviewed and adopted by the Board of Management once in every school year.

This Policy was reviewed and adopted by the Board of Management on: **25-09-23**

Signed: Liam Murphy

Signed: 1/10/24

Chairperson of the Board of Management

Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management

Date: Liam Murphy

Date: 1/10/24

Date of next review: **Sept 2025**