

Child Protection Policy of Canal Way ETNS

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 Dermot Stanley.

3. The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP) is Fiona Connelly.

4. In its policies, practices and activities, Canal Way 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. School plans, policies, practices and activities that are particularly relevant to child protection:

POLICIES	CURRICULAR	PRACTICES and PROCEDURES
Code of Behaviour	English	Arrival and dismissal of students.
Critical Incident	Maths	Guest Speaker and Visitors
Anti-bullying Policy	History	Recruitment of Staff
SNA Policy	Geography	Mobile Phones
Communication	Science	Recruitment and Selection of Staff
Healthy Eating	Art Drama	Supervision Rotas
Dress Code	Music	Toileting
	SPHE	Garda Vetting
	Ethics	

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 once in every school year.

This policy was adopted by the Board of Management on March 2015

Signed: Dermot Stanley - Chairperson Date: March 2015

Signed: Niamh Shine - Principal Date: March 2015

Date of next review: Annually.