

Child Protection Policy of Sancta Maria CBS Primary Synge Street Dublin 8

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 and Children First, as endorsed by the Edmund Rice Schools Trust, the Board of Management of Sancta Maria CBS 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. Gerard Mooney
3. The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP) is Mr. Brendan O'Boyle
4. In its policies, practices and activities, Sancta Maria CBS will adhere to the following principles of best practice in child protection and welfare as per Children First and Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools which can be accessed on www.education.ie

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. Other policies relating to child safety will be reviewed periodically e.g. our Code of Behaviour/Anti-bullying Policy, Pupil Attendance Strategy, Supervision of Pupils, Sporting Activities/School Outings/ Tours)

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 and has been posted on the school's website www.syngestreet.com. A copy of this policy will also 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.

8. In addition to this, on receipt of any allegations, suspicions or concerns regarding current and former employees, the DLP of Sancta Maria CBS Primary, the Chairperson of the Board of Management will be informed, as will Allianz Insurers, the Designated Child Protection Officer of the Edmund Rice Schools Trust of the complaint and our legal representatives Mason Hayes and Cunningham.

This policy was adopted by the Board of Management on 16/10/2014

Signed: Maireada Collins Signed: Gerard Mooney

Chairperson of Board of Management Principal

Date: 16/10/2014 Date: 16/10/14

Date of next review: September 2015