



- Has provided each member of staff with a copy of the School's Child Safeguarding Statement.
  - Ensures all new staff are provided with a copy of the School's Child Safeguarding Statement.
  - Requires staff to avail of relevant training.
  - Encourages Board of Directors members to avail of relevant training.
  - The Board of Directors maintain records of all staff and Board member training.
- In relation to reporting child protection concerns to Tusla, all school personnel are required to adhere to the procedures set out in the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017, including in the case of registered teachers, those in relation to mandated reporting under the Children First Act 2015.
  - In this School, the Board has appointed the above-named DLP as the "relevant person" (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) to be the first point of contact with respect to the child safeguarding statement.
  - All teachers employed by the school are mandated persons under the Children First Act 2015. (A list of all mandated persons is kept up to date by the DLP).
  - In accordance with the Children First Act 2015, the Board has carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while attending school or participating in school activities. A written assessment setting out the areas of risk identified and the School's procedures for managing those risks is attached as an appendix to this statement.
  - The various procedures referred to in this Statement can be accessed via the School's website, the DES website or will be made available on request by the School.
  - Physical contact: It is advisable for staff not to make physical contact with children. As a general rule, any physical contact between school personnel and the child should be in response to the needs of the child and not the needs of the adult. While physical contact can be used to comfort, reassure or assist a child, the following should be factors in assessing its appropriateness:
    - Is it acceptable to the child concerned?
    - Is it open and not secretive?
    - Is it appropriate to the age and developmental stage of the child?

It should be noted that as per the Acceptable Use of Force Policy, members of staff authorised by the Principal to have control or charge of pupils, are allowed to use such force as is reasonable in all the circumstances to prevent a pupil from doing, or continuing to commit, a criminal offence, injure themselves or others, or cause damage to property.

- Visitors/Guest Speakers: No child is left alone in the company of any visitor or guest speaker. All speakers and visitors report to the School Office on arrival.
- Toileting Accidents: If a child has a toileting accident, the parents will be informed. In the event of parents being unable to come to the School immediately and the child is unable to clean him/herself, then two members of staff will be present while one tends to the care of the child. Parents will be informed at the soonest possible time of the incident and the steps that were taken to address the situation. A written record will be kept.