



# POLICY

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# Child Protection

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## 1. Policy Statement

St. Mogue's College Management, staff and Board of Management recognise that child protection and welfare considerations permeate all aspects of school life and must be reflected in all of St. Mogue's College 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 St. Mogue's College has agreed the following child protection policy:

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.

In its policies, practices and activities, St. Mogue's College will adhere to the following principles of best practice in child protection and welfare. The college 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 students and parents and encourage student and parental involvement in the education of their children; and fully respect confidentiality requirements in dealing with child protection matters.

The college will also adhere to the above principles in relation to any student with a special vulnerability.

## 2. Scope of Policy

As defined by the legislation, this Child Protection Policy shall apply to all persons who are under the age of 18 or adults considered to be vulnerable or at risk. The full definition and designation of "Child" and "Vulnerable Person" as provided by the Department guidelines shall be understood to apply.

### **3. Designated Liaison Person(s)**

The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is Ms A Conaghan

The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP) is Ms M Brady

### **4. Other Related Policies and Procedures**

Institute policies, practices and activities that are particularly relevant to child protection include, but are not limited to:

- Code of Behaviour
- Anti-bullying Policy
- Student Attendance Policy
- Supervision of Students
- Sporting Activities
- Field Trips
- Work Placements
- Guidance / Counselling Service
- Computer usage policy
- One to one Tuition
- All Extra-curricular activities

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.

### **5. Dissemination of Policy**

This policy has been made available to school personnel and is readily accessible to students and parents/carers on request. A copy of this policy will be made available to the Department of Education and Skills and CMETB if requested.

## **5. Ratification and Adoption of Policy**

This policy was adopted by the Board of Management on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022

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