



Child Protection Policy of Abbey Vocational School

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 the Abbey Vocational School 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. Emmanuel Mc Cormack
3. The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP) is Mr. Ronan Doherty
4. In its policies, practices and activities, the Abbey Vocational 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 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 that involves consulting them about issues that concern their children, and encouraging them to get involved with the school wherever possible.

The school will also adhere to the above principles in relation to any adult pupil with a special vulnerability.

5. School policies, practices and activities that are regarded as having particular child protection relevance in the context of Abbey Vocational School include;
Policies: - Code of Behaviour; Anti Bullying; R.S.E.; Admission; Excursions; Pastoral Care.
Practices & Activities: - Supervision of pupils; Form Class / S.P.H.E. / R.S.E. class discussions.
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 Co. Donegal VEC if requested.
5. 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 19th June 2012

Signed: Mr. Francis McDaid
Chairperson of Board of Management

Signed: Mr. Emmanuel McCormack
Principal

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Date of next review: June 2012