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Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

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Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025/26

As reported in our newsletter in September 2025 Child Protection Procedures for Schools have been updated and republished on 28th May 2025 as outlined in circular [41/2025](#).

The 2023 procedures will remain in place for this school year 2025/26. Our **Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment** were ratified at the October board meeting and are available on our [website](#).

It is everyone's responsibility to protect children and young people and to do our best to keep them safe. [Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children](#) sets out the steps which should be taken to ensure that the child or young person is protected from harm. As part of our child protection in the school we have a:-

- ★ **Designated Liaison Person(DLP)**, Colin McElroy
- ★ **Deputy Designated Liaison Person(DDL P)**, Orla Dunne.

Mandated person - Every teacher registered with the Teaching Council is a mandated person. They report to the school's DLP or DDLP if they have any concerns with a child in their class.

We follow the [Children First Act 2015](#) which places a legal obligation on certain people, many of whom are professionals, like Teachers, to report child protection concerns at or above a defined threshold to Tusla - Child and Family Agency. These **mandated persons** must also assist Tusla, on request, in its assessment of child protection concerns about children who have been the subject of a mandated report. [Click here for more details](#).

Further details can be accessed on [Child Protection procedures in Schools](#).

Educational Welfare Service (EWS)

Another area of Child Protection is ensuring children attend school on a regular basis. As you know attendance is taken daily and it is up to each parent/guardian to ensure their child's absence is recorded accurately on Aladdin. Every year the school is obliged to report anyone absent for 20 or more days in the school year to [Tusla Education Support Service \(TESS\)](#). This will continue to be the practice in this school. Educational Welfare Officers (EWOs) are based throughout the country to offer advice and guidance to parents who need support in ensuring that their child attends schools regularly.

Please contact your child's teacher or the DLP or DDLP if you have any concerns.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Colin McElroy
Principal

Orla Dunne
Acting Deputy Principal

Maura Dineen
BOM Chairperson.