



Scoil San Treasa, Mount Merrion

Child Protection Policy

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 Scoil San Treasa 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 Anne English.
3. The Deputy Designated Liaison Persons (Deputy DLP) are: 1. Ms. Frances Mullin, 2. Mr. Denis Connolly
4. In its policies, practices and activities, Scoil San Treasa 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 and encourage parental involvement in the education of their children
 - Fully respect confidentiality requirements in dealing with child protection matters
 - The school will also adhere to the above principles in relation to any adult pupil with a special vulnerability
5. Scoil San Treasa's Code of Behaviour, Anti-bullying Policy, Internet Acceptable Use and the Supervision Policies will take particular account of this Child Protection Policy. This policy will also be considered with reference to the participation by pupils in sporting activities, other extra-curricular activities and school outings. Other practices and activities, where child protection might have particular relevance, will take due consideration of the procedures outlined within this policy. 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 Parent Association and is readily accessible to parents on request. A copy of this policy will be made available to the DES and the patron if requested.
7. This policy will be reviewed by the Board of Management once in every school year, in accordance with the checklist in Appendix 2 of DES Circular 0065/2011

This policy was adopted by the Board of Management on:

Signed: *Amy Looke*
Chairperson of Board of Management

Date: 26/11/12

Signed: *Anne English*
Principal

Date: 26/11/12