



Newpark

Comprehensive School

Child Protection Policy of Newpark Comprehensive School 2015

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 Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools, the Board of Management of Newpark Comprehensive 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 **Derek Lowry (Principal)**
3. The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP) is **Mark Cookman (Deputy Principal)**
4. In its policies, practices and activities, Newpark Comprehensive 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 and encourage parental involvement in the education of their children; and
- Fully respect the confidentiality requirements in dealing with child protection matters.

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

5. The policies practices and activities listed below are all relevant to child protection.
 - Relationship and Behaviour Policy
 - Anti-bullying policy and procedure
 - Policy and procedures on self-harm
 - SPHE Policy
 - Relationships and Sexuality policy
 - Guest Speaker policy
 - School trips Policy
 - Punctuality procedures
 - Procedures for supervision of students
 - Extra-curricular Activities
 - Code of Professional Practice

The Board has ensured that the necessary policies, protocols and practices 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 Teacher Association and is readily accessible to parents on request. A copy of this policy will be made available to the Department and the Patron if requested. This Policy will be reviewed by the Board of Management once in every school year.

This policy was reviewed and ratified by the Board of Management on 11/02/15

Signed: _____
Chairperson of Board of Management

Signed _____
Secretary, Board of Management

Date: _____

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Date of next review: 11/02/16