



Child Protection Policy of Castlerea Community School



The Board of Management recognizes 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 Castlerea Community School 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.*
- The Department of Education and Skills' Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools will be adopted at the first Board of Management meeting of each academic year.
- The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is Ms. Eileen Ryan
- The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP) is Mr. Jarlath Burke
- All staff members will be provided with a copy of the Child Protection Procedures in the first instance. Copies/ Link will be made available on the school website, staff shared network and staff handbook thereafter. Staff will be briefed on Child Protection Procedures at the first staff meeting of each academic year.
- Staff will be given the opportunity to avail of any training which may become available from time to time.
- The school will fully co-operate with the relevant statutory authorities in relation to child protection and welfare matters. This will include all regulatory requirements in relation to staff training and Garda vetting.
- The Board ensures that the necessary policies, protocols or practices as appropriate are in place in respect of each of the policies listed below:

Code of Behaviour, Anti-bullying policy, Critical Incident Policy, Internet Usage Policy, Pastoral Care policy

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

Signed: _____

Chairperson, Board of Management

Date: _____