

Child Protection Policy of Scoil Naomh Bríde

The Board of Management of Scoil Naomh Bríde, Blackwater, 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 Naomh Bríde 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 is **Caitlín Uí Bhriain**.
3. The Deputy Designated Liaison person is **Carmel Daly**.
4. In its policies, practices and activities, Scoil Naomh Bríde 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 of 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 confidentiality requirements in dealing with child protection matters.
5. The following policies which compliment the Child Protection Policy are in place in the school :
 - S.P.H.E.
 - R.S.E.
 - Substance Misuse
 - Stay Safe Programme
 - Mobile Phones
 - Code of Behaviour and Anti Bullying Policy
 - Pupil Attendance
 - Child Protection for non teaching Staff
 - Work Placements for Students
 - Work Experience Policy
 - Swimming
 - Mission Statement
 - Healthy Lunch
 - Supervision of Pupils
 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 of Education and Skills and the patron, if requested.
 7. The policy will be reviewed by the Board of Management once in every school year.

This policy was adopted by the Board of Management of Scoil Naomh Bríde on

Signed : _____

(Chairperson of B.O.M).

Date : _____

Date of next review : _____

Signed : _____

(Principal)

Date : _____