

Bray School Project 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 Bray School Project 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 Alan Bedford, Principal.
3. The Deputy Designated Liaison Person is Sinéad Jones (Deputy Principal).
4. In its policies, practices and activities, Bray School Project 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 confidentiality requirements in dealing with child protection matters

5. A number of policies, practices and activities have particular relevance to child protection. These include the following:
- Code of behaviour policy
 - Anti-bullying policy
 - Health and safety policy
 - Medical policy
 - School accident/injury policy

The Board has ensured that the necessary policies, protocols or practices as appropriate are in place in respect of each of the above.

(Activities such as class outings, swimming classes, guest/visitor activities and extra-curricular activities are areas that require close attention with a view to protecting children. Volunteers may be present for some of these activities. Volunteers should not be left alone with a child/children and the Board of Management is currently devising an appropriate volunteer policy).

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 and the patron if requested.
7. This policy will be reviewed by the Board of Management once in every school year.

Signed _____

Chairperson of Board of Management

Signed _____

Principal

Date: _____

Date of next review: October 2023

