



C.B.S. Secondary School Dungarvan Child Protection Policy Statement.

We in CBS Secondary School, Dungarvan value and encourage the participation of students in all activities that enhance their spiritual, physical, emotional, intellectual and social development. The school recognises the dignity and rights of all young people and is committed to ensuring their protection and support. Management and staff accept and recognise our responsibilities to develop awareness of the practices, which cause children harm.

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 CBS Secondary School, Dungarvan has agreed the following Child Protection Policy:

1. The Board of Management has adopted and will implement fully and without modification the Department of Education and Skills' Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools as part of this overall Child Protection Policy.
2. The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is The Principal.
3. The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP) is The Deputy Principal.
4. In its policies, practices and activities, CBS Secondary School, Dungarvan 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 minimize 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.
5. The following school policies, practices and activities are particularly relevant to child protection:-
 - [Anti Bullying Policy](#)
 - [Bullying Investigation](#)
 - [Code of Behaviour](#)
 - [Critical Incident Management](#)
 - [Religious Education Policy](#)
 - [Demerit Procedures](#)
 - [Dignity at Work Policy and Code of Procedures](#)

6. The Board will ensure that the necessary policies, protocols and practices as appropriate are in place in respect of each of the above listed items.
7. This policy has been made available to school personnel and the Parents' Advisory Council, 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.

Proposed by: _____ **Chairperson/Vice:** _____

Seconded by: _____ **Date:** _____