

Coláiste Éanna: Child Protection Policy.

The Board of Management recognises that child protection and welfare permeates all aspects of school life and must be reflected in all of the school's policies and activities.

The Board of Management of Coláiste Éanna has agreed the following Child Protection Policy in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Education and Skills' Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools.

1. The Board of Management has adopted and will implement in full and without modification the Department's Child Protection Procedures of Primary and Post Primary schools as part of this overall Child Protection Policy.
2. The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is: Brendan Mc Cauley (Principal)
3. The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDL) is: Susan Mc Cabe (Deputy Principal)
4. In its policies, practices and activities, Coláiste Éanna will adhere to the following principles of best practice in child protection and welfare:
Coláiste Éanna 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 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.

Coláiste Éanna will also adhere to the above principles in relation to any adult pupils with special vulnerability.

5. The Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary schools are part of the Coláiste Éanna Whole School Development Planning and permeates, intersects, and has links with the Pastoral Care, SPHE, RE, Anti-bullying, Code of Behaviour, Substance Abuse, Relationships and Sexuality Education and all other Policies.

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

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 Edmund Rice Schools Trust.

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

This Policy was adopted by the Board of Management on: _____

Signed: _____
Chairperson of the Board.

Signed _____
Principal

Date: _____

Date of next review: _____