



Child Protection Policy of Letterfrack NS

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 Letterfrack National School 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 Olivia Kerrigan
3. The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP) is Laura Dunne.
4. In its policies, practices and activities, Letterfrack NS 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;
 - fully respect confidentiality requirements in dealing with child protection matters.
 - the school will also adhere to the above principles in relation to any adult pupil with a special vulnerability.
5. The following is a list of policies, practices and activities that are particularly relevant to child protection. The code of behaviour, anti-bullying policy, supervision of pupils, sporting activities, school outings and garda vetting procedures. The school follows the stay safe guidelines for best practice for example – swimming, toilet accidents, one to one teaching etc.
6. This policy has been made available to school personnel 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.

This policy was adopted by the Board of Management on _____

Signed: _____ Signed: _____

(Chairperson of Board of Management)

(Principal)

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Date: _____ Date: _____

Date of next review: _____

Dear Parents,

The Department of Education & Skills has recently published *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools*. Ensuring the protection and welfare of children is the responsibility of all of us that work with children and young people. Child protection must be a priority for every school and must be the core of all our activities. There is an obligation on schools to provide children with the highest possible standard of care in order to promote their well being and protect them from harm.

Because of the close contact school staff members have with the children they are well placed to observe changes in children's behaviour, their lack of development or outward signs of abuse. In situations where any member of a school staff suspects that a child may be at risk of neglect or abuse, they must make sure that this is reported to the HSE and Garda Siochana.

This reporting is done by the **Designated Liaison Person (DLP)**

Every school must have a senior member of staff who fills this role.

In this school the Designated Liaison Person is **Olivia Kerrigan**

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