



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 the school's policies, practices and activities. Accordingly, in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Education Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools, the Board of Management of Loreto Secondary School Fermoy 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 (2023) for Primary and Post Primary Schools as part of this overall child protection policy.
2. The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is Ms Orla Forde
3. The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP) is Ms Aoife Hennessey
4. In its policies and activities, Loreto Secondary School, Fermoy 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.

The school will also adhere to the above principles in relation to any adult pupil with a special vulnerability.

5. School policies, practices and activities that are relevant to child protection include the following :

The Code of Behaviour

Anti-bullying Policy

Attendance & Punctuality Policy

Supervision of Pupils

Critical Incident Policy

Pastoral Care Team

Chaplaincy Mission Statement

Guidance Plan

Special Educational Needs Policy

Year Head and class tutor systems

Senior Prefect Team

Meitheal Team



Cairdeas groups
Youth Leaders
S.P.H.E. Policy
Religion programmes
R.S. E. Policy
Sporting activities
Work experience programme
Visiting speakers
Policy on visiting college open days and career exhibition
Policy on taking photos, making videos and DVDs and placing on websites images of pupils in the course of school activities.
School outings
This list is not exhaustive.

The Board has ensured that the necessary policies, protocols or practices 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 available to parents on request. A copy of this policy will be made available to the Department and 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 22nd September 2022

Date of next review: September 2023

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Chairperson of the Board of Management.