



Monkstown Educate Together  
National School

# **Child Protection Policy**

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### Introductory Statements:

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 Monkstown Educate Together N.S. has agreed the following child protection policy:

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.

### Key Personnel:

- The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is AnnMarie Kenrick, Principal
- The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP) is Dolores O' Donnell, Deputy Principal

### Principles of Best Practice:

In its policies, practices and activities, Monkstown Educate Together 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.

## **School Policies Supporting the METNS Child Protection Policy:**

The following relevant policies and procedures are currently in operation at Monkstown Educate Together N.S.

- Positive Behaviour Policy
- Anti-bullying Policy
- Garda Vetting Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- Substance Abuse Policy
- Pupil Attendance Strategy
- Parental Involvement
- S.P H E. Policy
- I. T / Internet Usage Policy
- Telephone Usage Procedures
- Policy on Special Education
- Work Experience Policy
- Extra Curricular Activities Guidelines
- School Attendance Policy
- School Punctuality Procedures

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

## **Review**

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



## Ratification and Communication

This policy has been made available to school personnel and the Parent Teacher Association and is readily accessible to parents on the website or request. A copy of this policy will be made available to the Department and the patron if requested.

A copy of this policy will be put up on display inside the main entrance.

This policy was adopted by the Board of Management on : 13/05/21

David Jennings, Chairperson

AnnMarie Kenrick, Principal