

Wesley College, Dublin

Child Protection Policy

1 Introduction

Wesley College ensures that child protection and welfare considerations permeate all aspects of school life. These concerns will be reflected in all of the College's policies, practices and activities.

2 Child Protection Procedures

The Board of Management has adopted and will implement fully (as part of this Child Protection Policy) the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools published by the Department of Education and Skills.

The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) for child protection purposes for Wesley College is the Principal of the College, Christopher Woods. The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP) is the Deputy Principal, Don Lewis.

Wesley College recognises that the protection of children is of paramount importance. The policies, practices and activities of the College will adhere to the principles of best practice in child protection and welfare.

The College will:

- adopt safe practices to minimise the possibility of harm or accidents happening to children;
- continue a practice of openness with parents and guardians and encourage parental involvement in the education of their children;
- fully respect confidentiality requirements in dealing with child protection matters;
- fully co-operate with the relevant statutory authorities in relation to child protection and welfare matters.

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

3 Other Policy Documents

Wesley College policy documents that may have a particular relevance to Child Protection include: Statement of Ethos, Code of Behaviour, Anti-bullying Policy, Appropriate Use of Technology Policy, Substance Abuse Policy, College Trips Policy, Social Personal and Health Education Policy, Special Needs Policy and Guidance Policy.

4. Policy Access

This policy is available from the College Office and website.

Approved by the Board of Management
Wesley College
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