



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 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 Ballinteer Educate Together 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 Marie Gordon.
3. The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP) is Órla McCarthy (Deputy Principal).
4. In its policies, practices and activities, Ballinteer 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; see accompanying, 'Good Practice Guidelines'.
- 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. The Ballinteer Educate Together Child Protection Policy is reflective of other school policies including:

- Positive behaviour
- Anti-bullying
- Attendance
- Acceptable User Policy

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.

6. Relevant Contacts:

HSE Túsla Child and Family Agency (Dún Laoghaire): Duty Social Worker – 01 6637300

Dundrum Garda: 01 6665600

7. This policy has been made available to school personnel and the Parents' Association (if any) 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.

8. 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 26/6/2014

Revision and updating on 20/04/2015

Signed: _____ Signed: _____

Chairperson of Board of Management Principal

Date: _____ Date: _____

Date of next review: June 2016