

Child Protection Policy of Drumshanbo Vocational School

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 Drumshanbo Vocational 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 **Mr. Martin Fallon**
3. The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP) is **Mr. Sean Wynne**
4. In its policies, practices and activities, Drumshanbo Vocational School 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 that involves consulting them about issues that concern their children, and encouraging them to get involved with the school wherever possible.
- 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 regarded as having particular child protection relevance in the context of Drumshanbo Vocational School include:

Policies: - Code of Behaviour; Anti Bullying; R.S.E.; Admission; Pastoral Care.

Practices & Activities: - Supervision of pupils; Class Assemblies / S.P.H.E. / R.S.E. class discussions.

6. This policy has been made available to school personnel and the Parents' Association and is readily accessible to parents on request. A copy of this policy will be made available to the Department of Education & Skills and Mayo Sligo Leitrim ETB when requested.

This policy will be reviewed by the BOM once in every school year.

This policy was adopted by the Board of Management on November 21st 2013

Signed: _____ Chairperson of the School BOM

Signed: _____ Principal

Date: _____