



DOMINICAN COLLEGE

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

The Board of Management and staff of Dominican College, Taylor's Hill, Galway, are firmly committed to the safety and wellbeing of every student in our care.

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 Dominican College, Taylor's Hill, Galway, has agreed the following child protection policy.

1. The Board of Management has adopted and will implement fully and without modification the Department of Education and Skills' Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools as part of this overall child protection policy.
2. The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is the Principal, Mr. Alan Kinsella.
3. The Deputy Designated Liaison Persons (Deputy DLP) are the Guidance Counsellors, Mrs. Joan Madden and Mrs. Louise O'Callaghan.
4. In its policies, practices and activities, Dominican College will adhere to the following principles of best practice in child protection and welfare:-
The school will
 - a. recognise that the protection and welfare of children is of paramount importance, regardless of all other considerations;
 - b. fully co-operate with the relevant statutory authorities in relation to child protection and welfare matters;
 - c. 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;
 - d. develop a practice of openness with parents and encourage parental involvement in the education of their children;
 - e. fully respect confidentiality requirements in dealing with child protection matters.
5. The school will also adhere to the above principles in relation to any adult pupil with a special vulnerability.

6. The Board of Management has ensured that the necessary policies, protocols or practices, as appropriate, are in place in respect of each of the items listed below:-
 - a. The Code of Behaviour
 - b. The Anti-Bullying Policy, including Cyber-Bullying
 - c. Substance Use Policy
 - d. Pastoral Care Policy
 - e. The supervision of students on the school premises.
 - f. The supervision of students participating in or travelling to/from extra-curricular activities.
 - g. The monitoring of students on Work or Community Care placements.
 - h. Leaving school during the school day
 - i. The care of students on school outings.

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

7. This policy has been made available to school personnel and the Parents' Association and is readily accessible to parents on the school's website or on request. A copy of this policy will be made available to the Department of Education and Skills and the patron if requested.
8. This policy will be reviewed by the Board of Management at the beginning of every school year.

This policy was first adopted by the Board of Management on 17th October 2011. This review by the Board of Management was carried out and adopted on 15th September 2014. This policy is due for review in September 2015.

Signed: _____
Chairperson of Board of Management

Signed: _____
Principal

Date: _____

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