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Introduction

The Board of Management recognises that child protection and welfare considerations permeate all aspects of college life and must be reflected in all of the college 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 St. John's Central College has agreed the following child protection policy:

1. The Board of Management meeting of St. John's Central College on 14th Mar 2017 adopted and will implement fully and without modification the '***Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children***'
2. The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is Paula McCarthy
3. The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP) is Deirdre Dalton, Eileen O'Brien
4. In its policies, practices and activities, St John's Central College will adhere to the following principles of best practice in child protection and welfare:

The college will

- Recognise that the protection and welfare of children is of paramount importance, regardless of all other considerations;
- Fully co-operative 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 risk that may leave themselves open to accusations of abuse or neglect;
- 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 special vulnerability.

5. Other relevant policies
 - a. Data Protection Policy
 - b. Student Code of Behaviour
 - c. Critical Incident Strategy

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.

- This practice has been made available to school personnel, other bodies liaising with the school where clients are participating in college life, student representatives and is readily accessible to students. A copy of this policy will be made available to the Department and CETB if requested.
- This policy will be reviewed by the Board of Management once in every school year and after each new referred case.

This policy was adopted by the Board of Management on 23rd May 2017

Signed: _____
Chairperson of Board of Management

Signed: _____
Principal

Date: _____
Date of next review: May 2019