



CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

SPS Mission statement

“We nurture and develop all that is best in each of our students.”

- We are committed to fostering a sense of identity and self-worth in each of our students.
- We are committed to developing a well-rounded individual with skills, attitudes, sensibilities and personal initiative that will allow each to grow into a mature, confident child.
- We are committed to developing the whole person – morally, intellectually, aesthetically, spiritually and physically – in a caring, innovative, multi-denominational environment.
- We are committed to striving for high academic standards and in so doing we seek to challenge each of our students to achieve the best that they can.
- We are committed to ensuring that each of our students embraces the whole world community and culture, while at the same time fostering an appreciation of Irish culture in which the school is rooted.
- We recognise that serving both the school (students, staff and parents) and the wider community is a cornerstone of our philosophy, and we are committed to developing in each student innovative capabilities to participate in a dynamic world environment.

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 Sutton Park 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 Ronan Walsh



3. The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP) is Deirdre Mullen.
4. In its policies, practices and activities, Sutton Park 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 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 school Policies that are relevant to the Child Protection Policy include
 - Anti-Bullying Policy
 - Substance Safety Policy
 - School Code of Conduct
 - School Health Statement
 - Relationships and Sexuality Policy
 - Upcoming policy on Wellbeing

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. 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.
7. This policy will be reviewed by the Board of Management once in every school year.