



## St Kilian's Community School

### Child Protection Policy

#### Philosophy of Education and Mission Statement

The school has been established in accordance with the Deed of Trust for Community Schools, with the object of providing a comprehensive system of post-primary education open to all the children of the community. It aims to combine instruction in academic and practical subjects, and ongoing education for persons living at or near St. Kilian's Community School in Co. Wicklow, for the purpose of contributing towards the spiritual, moral, mental and physical well-being and development of the local community.

The school's mission statement says:

*St. Kilian's works to ensure that each and every pupil is enabled to learn to the best of his/her ability and to mature with confidence and dignity.*

The school endeavours to achieve this mission in all its activities.

In 2010, the school adopted the following *Core Professional Purpose and Operating Principles*:

#### **Core Professional Purpose (CPP)**

Learning for Excellence, for Life, for All

#### **Organisational Principles (OPs)**

To ensure the **best possible education** for our students, St. Kilian's C.S. believes that everyone

- has **rights** with **responsibilities**.

- must be treated **fairly** and **equally**.
- should be **supported** to be the **best** they can be.
- should get **value** for the **time** they spend.
- must be shown **respect**.
- should feel **welcome** and have **fun**.
- must be able to **access** high quality **facilities**.

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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 St Kilian's Community 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. John Murphy, Principal**.
3. The **Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP)** is **Ms. Leah Bools, Deputy Principal**.
4. In its policies, practices and activities, St Kilian's Community School will adhere to the following principles of best practice in child protection and welfare:

St Kilian's CS will

- recognise that the protection and welfare of all its students 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.

5. The school policies, practices and activities that are particularly relevant to child protection are:

- Code of Behaviour
- Anti-Bullying Procedures
- Enrolment Policy
- Chaplain
- HSCL Policy
- Guidance Policy
- Attendance & Punctuality
- Supervision of Pupils
- Sporting Activities
- School Outings / Trips
- Work Placements

6. This policy is available to Parents/Guardians and to all staff of the school on the school's website, and is readily available to parents/guardians on request.

7. 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 November 26<sup>th</sup> 2014.

**Signed:**

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**Helen Dodd**  
**Chairperson,**  
**Board of Management**

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**John Murphy**  
**Principal**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Date of next review: December 2015**