

## Notification regarding the Board of Management's review of the Child Safeguarding Statement

To: The school community of Coláiste Pobail Osraí

The Board of Management of Coláiste Pobail Osraí wishes to inform you that:

- The Board of Management's annual review of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement was completed at the Board meeting of INSERT DATE
- This review was conducted in accordance with the "Checklist for Review of the Child Safeguarding Statement" published on the Department's website [www.education.ie](http://www.education.ie)

Signed Caitlín Mhic Cárthaigh Date 29/09/2021

Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed  Date 29/9/21

Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management

## Child Protection Policy of Coláiste Pobail Osraí

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 [insert school name] 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 **Cathnia Ó Muirheartaigh**
3. The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP) is **Síona Nic Eoin**.
4. In its policies, practices and activities, **Coláiste Pobail Osraí** 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. Our Code of Behaviour/Anti-bullying Policy, Pupil Attendance Strategy, Supervision of Pupils, Sporting Activities/School Outings/Pupil Work Placements all fully adhere to best practice guidelines in child protection and welfare.

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.  
This policy was adopted by the Board of Management on 29/9/21.

Signed: Caitlín Mhic Cárthaigh  
Chairperson of Board of Management  
Date: 29/9/21.  
Date of next review: October 2022.

Signed: Cathnia Ó Muirheartaigh  
Principal  
Date: 29/9/21.