

# Monkstown Park Junior School



## Child Safeguarding Statement

Reviewed 2018

The Board of Management recognises that child protection and welfare considerations permeate all aspects of school like and must be reflected in all of the school's policies, practices and activities. Accordingly, and in accordance with following best practice as set down by the Dept of Education and skills, Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary schools' and Tusla guidance on the preparation of Child Safeguarding statement. The Board of Management of Monkstown Park Junior School has agreed the following child protection policy.

The Board of Management has adopted and will follow best practice to implement fully and without modification the Department's Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017 as part of this overall Child Safeguarding Statement

The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is the Principal, Lisa Kenna.

The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDL) is Sandra Allen.

In it's policies, practices and activities Monkstown Park Junior School will adhere to the following principals of best practice in child protection and welfare:

The schools will:

- I. Recognise that the protection welfare of children is of paramount importance, regardless of all other considerations.
- II. Comply fully with the relevant statutory authorities under the Children's First Act 2015 in relation to child protection and welfare matters.
- III. 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.
- IV. Respect fully confidentiality requirements in dealing with child protection matters.
- V. Develop a practice of openness with parents and encourage parental involvement in the education of their children.

The following measures are in place:

- If any staff member is the subject of any investigation (however described) in respect of any act, omission or circumstance in respect of a child attending school. MPJS adheres to the relevant procedures set out in Chapter 7 of the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary schools 2017, and the schools disciplinary procedures for school staff.
- MPJS adheres to the statutory Garda vetting requirements when selecting and recruiting new members of the staff.
- As defined in the 2015 act MPJS has;  
Provided each member of staff with a copy of the school's Child Safe Guarding Statement.  
Ensures that all new staff are provided with a copy of the schools Child's Safe Guarding Statement.  
Encourages staff to avail of relevant training.  
Encourages the BOM to avail of relevant training.  
The BOM maintains records of all staff and Board member training.
- All school personnel are required to adhere and follow best practice and procedures set out in the Child Protections Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017 and those in relation to mandated reporting under the Children's First Act 2015.
- All teachers employed by the school are mandated persons under the Children's First act 2015.
- The MPJS BOM has appointed the above names DLP as the 'relevant person' to be the first point of contact in respect of the child safe guarding statement.
- In accordance with the Children's First Act 2015 the BOM has carried out an assessment of any potential har to a child while attending the school or participating school activities.

This statement has been published on the school website and has been provided to all members of school personnel. It is readily accessible to parents and guardians on request. A copy of this will be made available to a Tusla inspector if requested.

This child safeguarding statement will be reviewed annually.