

Policy on Child Protection

Aims:

1. To ensure that our students are safe and secure within the school environment at MCS and MBC.
2. To ensure that all staff are aware of and familiar with the procedures that must be followed in relation to child protection guidelines.
3. To ensure that the school does all it can to ensure that staff and parents are aware of all legal responsibilities which may fall on the school and that they are aware of the personnel involved.

Formulation of Policy:

This policy is formulated by the Principal (Designated Liaison Officer), Deputy Principals (Deputy Designated Liaison Officers) and the referral team within the school.

IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICY

- 1 staff will be informed at staff meetings of who is the DLO and the DDLO. They will also be made aware of their role in Child protection.
- All staff will be asked to read the Child Protection Guidelines and will be provided with an extract of the Child protection Guidelines to sign, date and return to the office at the beginning of each year. Staff that join during the year will also do the same.
- There will be a constant dialogue between all those involved in the formulation of the policy and procedures as outline in the Child Protection Guidelines will be adhered to at all times.
- In-service training will be attended where possible and a report will be brought back to the referral team.
- Copies of all referrals will be kept and a record of all phone calls with support services will be kept.
- Every effort will be made to cultivate a supportive and collegial relationship with personnel within the support services.

SUCCESS CRITERIA

Staff have a clear and concise understanding of the importance of their role in Child protection and that when a situation occurs that staff feel supported and the structures in place work.

REVIEW/EVALUATION PROCEDURES

Will be reviewed annually by those who formulated the policy and SDP

Child protection guidelines are available at
http://www.education.ie/servlet/blobServlet/padmin_child_protection.pd