



SAFEGUARDING CHILD SAFEGUARDING POLICY STATEMENT OF THE CONSTITUENT MEMBERS OF ARDSKOIL RATH IOMGHÁIN



Bord Oideachais agus Oiliúna
Chill Dara agus Chill Mhantáin
Kildare and Wicklow
Education and Training Board

As a member of Kildare and Wicklow ETB, we recognise and uphold the dignity of all children, are committed to ensuring their safety and wellbeing, and will work in partnership with parents/guardians to do this. We recognise each child's right to and education in a safe and caring environment.

All School personnel (including administrative, ancillary and teaching staff) have a responsibility to safeguard children through promoting their welfare, health and development in a safe and caring environment that supports their best interests and prevents abuse.

If you are concerned about the welfare and safety of children contact:

Designated Liaison Person Paul Murphy

Deputy Designated Liaison Person Deirdre Doyle

Tusla- Child & Family Agency

Kildare 045-882400 Laois 057-8692567 Offaly 057-9370700

Garda National Protective Services Bureau

01-6663430 / 01-6663435 or your local Garda Station

For Further information: www.safeguarding.ie

Scope of the Policy

The Policy applies to all school bodies and is addressed to all school personnel who are required to comply with it. Full understanding of and adherence to this policy should lead to a deepening in the understanding of, and respect for, the rights of children and young people to participate in education.

The care and protection of children involved in all School activities is the responsibility of the whole school, and is a requirement that applies regardless of the nature of the school activities in which children are involved. Everyone who participates in the life of the school has a role to play in creating an environment in which children can develop and be safe.

Putting the Policy Into Action

The school will implement the policy by ensuring that all Education and Activities comply with the seven safeguarding standards.

1. Creating and Maintaining Safe Environments.
2. Procedures for Responding to Child Protection Suspicions, Concerns, Knowledge and Allegations.
3. Care and Support for the Complainant.
4. Care and Management of the Respondent.
5. Training and Support for Keeping Children Safe.
6. Communicating the School's Safeguarding Message.
7. Quality Assuring Compliance with the standards.

Commitment by the School Authority

On behalf of the Staff of Ardscoil Rath Iomgháin, as part of Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board. I commit to safeguarding children by agreeing to this Child Safeguarding Policy.

I will abide by and uphold the seven standards and the applicable indicators in our working with children.

Mr. P. Murphy,

Principal, Ardscoil Rath Iomgháin