

Child Protection Policy

The Board of Management of St. Patrick's College, Lacken Cross recognises that child protection and welfare considerations permeate all aspects of school life and must be reflected in all school 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. Patrick's College, Lacken Cross, Killala, 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. Brian Jennings.
3. The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDL) is Mr. Declan Burke.
4. In its policies, practices and activities St. Patrick's College, Lacken Cross, Killala 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.
- Develop a practice openness with parents that involves consulting them about issues that concern their children and encouraging them to get involved with the school.
- Fully respect confidentiality in dealing with child protection matters.
- This Policy will be reviewed by the Board of Management once every year.