

# **Nenagh College & Nenagh College of Further Education**

## **Child Protection Policy**

### **Mission Statement**

**'To educate all students for their personal development and for the good of the community'**

### **Child Protection Policy of Nenagh College and Nenagh College of Further Education**

The Board 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 Guidelines for Post Primary Schools', the Board of Management of Nenagh College and Nenagh College of Further Education has agreed the following child protection policy:

1. The Board has adopted and will implement fully and without modification the Department's 'Child Protection Guidelines for Post Primary Schools' as part of this overall child protection policy.
2. The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is Damien Kennedy.
3. The Deputy Designated Liaison (DDL) is Ann Melley.
4. In its policies, practices and activities, Nenagh College and Nenagh College of Further Education, will adhere to the following principles of best practice in child protection and welfare:
  - Recognise that the protection and welfare of children must always come first, regardless of all other considerations;
  - 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 policy of openness with parents that involves consulting them about issues that concern their children, and encouraging them to get involved with the school wherever possible;
  - Co-operate with any other child care and protection agencies and professionals by sharing information when necessary and working together towards the best possible outcome for the children concerned;
  - Make links with other relevant organisations in order to promote child protection and welfare policies and practices.
5. A copy of this policy is available to the department and the patron if requested. This policy has been made available to the Parents' Association and is readily accessible to parents on request.
6. This policy will be reviewed by the Board of Management once in every school year.

The school will also adhere to the above principles in relation to any adult pupil with a special vulnerability.

This policy was reviewed and adopted by the Board of Management on the 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2014.

Signed: Conor Delaney

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed: Damien Kennedy

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal

Date of next review:

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