



# Presentation Secondary School Castleisland Co. Kerry



## CHILD PROTECTION POLICY OF PRESENTATION SECONDARY SCHOOL, CASTLEISLAND, CO. KERRY.

The Board of Management 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 Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017, the Board of Management of Presentation Secondary School, Castleisland, Co. Kerry 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 2017 as part of this overall child protection policy.
2. The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is **Mr. Pierce Dargan**
3. The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP) is **Mr. Padraig Kelliher**
4. In its policies, practices and activities Presentation Secondary School, Castleisland, Co. Kerry 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 are 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 and protect workers from the necessity to take unnecessary risks that may leave themselves open to accusations of abuse or neglect;
- Develop a practice of openness with parents and encourage parental involvement in the education of their children; and
- Fully respect confidentiality requirements in dealing with child protection matters.

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

5. List of Policies, Practices and activities particularly relevant to Child Protection:

**Policies** Child Protection Policy  
Anti-Bullying Policy  
Admissions Policy  
Code of Behaviour  
Dignity in the Workplace  
Substance Abuse  
Internet & ICT Policy i.e. Acceptable Use Policy  
Special Needs

**Activities** The Child Protection Policy applies to all school activities. Examples of school activities are as follows:  
Extra-curricular activities such as sporting events, school outings and work experience.  
Lunchtime activities and after school clubs.  
After school study.

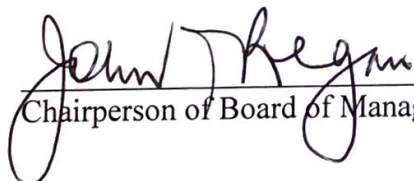
School premises and yard supervision is provided as follows each day:

- Before school: 8.30am to 9.00am
- Break time: 11.00am to 11.15am
- Lunch time: 12.35pm to 1.05pm (Monday & Tuesday), 12.35pm to 1.20pm (Wednesday to Friday)
- After school: 3.45pm – 4.00pm (Monday & Tuesday), 3.20pm – 3.45pm (Wednesday to Friday)

**Practices** It is practice in the school that all staff – teaching and non teaching, are aware of the importance of child protection and of the necessity to uphold and implement the Child Protection Policy of Presentation Secondary School, Castleisland, Co. Kerry.

6. This policy has been made available to school personnel and the Parents' Association and is readily accessible to parents on request. A copy of this policy will be made available to the Department and the patron if requested.
7. This policy will be reviewed by the Board of Management once in every school year.

This policy was adopted by the Board of Management on **4<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

Signed:   
Chairperson of Board of Management

Signed:   
Principal.

Date: 04/10/22

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Date of next review: **October 2023**