

## **Appendix 1: Template Child Protection Policy**

### **Child Protection Policy**

#### **(Margaret Aylward Community College)**

The Board of Management recognises that child protection and welfare considerations permeate all aspects of college life and must be reflected in all of the college's policies, practices and activities. Accordingly, in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Education and Skill's Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools, the Board of Management of (Margaret Aylward Community College) 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: **Ms. Teresa Murphy**
3. The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP) is: **Mr. Michael Howlett**
4. In its policies, practices and activities Margaret Aylward Community College will adhere to the following principles of best practice in child protection and welfare:

The college 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 and protect workers from the necessity to take unnecessary risks that may leave themselves open to accusations of abuse or neglect ;
- develop a practise 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 college will also adhere to the above principals in relation to any adult pupil with a special vulnerability.

5. School policies, practise and activities that are particularly relevant to child protection:

- The Code of Behaviour
- Anti-bullying Policy
- Anti-Racist Policy
- Pupil Attendance Strategy
- Supervision of Pupils
- Guest Speakers / Visitors to the college
- Home School Partnership Policy
- Special Education Needs Policy
- Sporting Activities
- School Outings
- Pupil Work Placements at post primary
- Code of Practice for CDETB staff in their relationships with the scheme's learners

6. This policy has been made available to college personnel and the Parent's Group 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 \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson of Board of Management

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal

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

Date of next review: \_\_\_\_\_

