

Woodbrook College Bray, Co. Wicklow



Child Protection Policy

This policy was drafted in consultation with the education partners at Woodbrook College, Bray, Co. Wicklow and in accordance with best educational practice, relevant child protection legislation as well as all child protection directives and circulars for Primary and Post-Primary Schools published by the Department of Education and Skills. It was ratified by the Board of Management on November 10th 2011.

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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, the Board of Management of Woodbrook 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 Mr John Taylor, Principal.
3. The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP) is Mr Paul Murphy, Deputy Principal.
4. In its policies, practices and activities, Woodbrook College 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 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. The following school policies, practices and activities are particularly relevant to child protection in Woodbrook College and for each one, the Board has ensured that the necessary policies, protocols or practices as appropriate are in place.
 - Code of Behaviour
 - Anti-Bullying Policy
 - Substance Use Policy
 - Acceptable Use Policy
 - Student Attendance
 - Supervision and Substitution
 - School Tours and Outside Trips Policy
 - Work Placements
 - Extra-curricular Activities

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 November 10th, 2011.

Signed: _____
Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed: _____
Principal

Date: _____

Notification regarding the Board of Management's annual review of the child protection Policy

To: _____

The Board of Management of Woodbrook College wishes to inform you that:

- The Board of Management's annual review of the school's child protection policy was completed at the Board meeting of _____.
- This review was conducted in accordance with the checklist set out in Appendix 2 of the Department's 'Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools'

Signed _____ Date _____

Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed _____ Date _____

Principal

Review Dates

Ratified..... November 2011

Review (1)..... June 2012

Review (2)..... June 2014

Review (3).....