

Holy Family School for the Deaf

Child Safeguarding Statement

- This is a “statement” every school must have.....it is about the school recognizing the importance of child protection and safety in all areas of school life.
- The Department of Education has given all schools instructions on how they should set up actions and procedures on Child protection and safety. This is in the Dept of Education’s document “*Child Protection and Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools*” 2017. Also the school follows all Tusla guidelines and the Children First Act 2015
- The Board of Management of Holy Family School accepts all these recommendations and this “Child Safeguarding Statement” tells you how we are fully committed to child protection and welfare
- Child protection and welfare is the most important thing in our school and we will make sure it is central to all policies, activities, procedures, and everything that happens in school life
- The school will make sure it follows all laws and regulations linked to Child Protection and Welfare and will cooperate with all legal authorities if needed.
- The Statement says that the school will have safe practices set up that will reduce the chance of harm or accident to children and staff
- If there is a child protection matter it will be dealt with confidentially.
- All staff in the school will be Garda vetted and the school will follow all vetting laws and processes linked to Government and will follow all vetting guidelines from Dept of Education

- All staff will be encouraged to do training in this area and will be given a copy of this Child Safeguarding Statement, new staff also.
- Any reporting to Tusla will be done by following the guidelines in the 2017 *“Child Protection and Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools”*
- The first point of contact in the school about any matters linked with this statement is the “DLP”, means Designated Liaison Person, and that’s Eimear O’Rourke. There are 2 deputy DLPs: Eugene Doyle and Elizabeth McCafferty.
- This statement is reviewed every year and the full version is on the school website