

Keeping You Safe at School: Child Safeguarding Statement

Collinstown Park Community College

A guide for students about how we look after you

What is this about?

This document explains how our school works hard to make sure every student is safe, happy, and protected while they are at Collinstown Park Community College.

We follow important rules set by the Irish Government to keep all young people safe. These rules come from a law called the Children First Act 2015.

Who looks after your safety?

We have special people in our school whose job it is to help keep you safe:

-  Designated **Liaison Person (DLP)**: Áine McGrath (School Principal)
 -  Deputy **Designated Liaison Person**: John O'Malley (School Deputy Principal)
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These are the people you, or any adult in the school, should talk to if you have a worry about your safety or someone else's safety.

You can contact Áine McGrath at school or by calling 01 4572300 or emailing ainemcgrath@collinstownpark.ie

What does our school promise to do?

Your safety is the most important thing to us, more important than anything else.

Here is what we promise:

- We will always put your protection and wellbeing first.
- We will follow all the laws in Ireland that are there to protect you.
- We will work closely with organisations like Tusla (the Child and Family Agency) if there are ever any concerns about a child's safety.
- We will make our school as safe as possible to help prevent accidents or harm.

- We will keep your parents and guardians informed and involved in your education.
- We will handle any sensitive information about you carefully and privately.

Who works with us to keep you safe?

All teachers, SNAs, and other staff in our school are trained to look out for your wellbeing. Every adult who works here has been carefully checked before they could start working with students, this is called Garda vetting.

All teachers are also what is called 'mandated persons', which means if they are ever worried that a child might be being harmed, they are legally required to report it to Tusla.

What if something is worrying you?

If anything is worrying you, whether it is happening at school, at home, or anywhere else, please talk to a trusted adult. This could be:

- Your class teacher or year head
- Áine McGrath (DLP) or John O'Malley (Deputy DLP)
- Any adult in the school you feel comfortable talking to

You will be listened to, taken seriously, and supported. You will not get into trouble for speaking up. Telling a trusted adult is always the right thing to do.

What happens if someone reports a concern?

If a concern is raised about a student's safety, our school has a clear set of steps to follow:

- The DLP (Áine McGrath) is told about the concern straight away.
- The school follows official government guidelines on what to do next.
- If needed, Tusla or the Gardaí will be contacted to help.
- Everything is handled carefully and respectfully, with the student's best interests at heart.

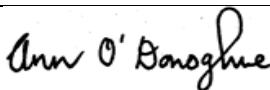
How do we make sure we keep improving?

This Child Safeguarding Statement is looked at and updated every year by the Board of Management to make sure it reflects the very best ways of keeping students safe.

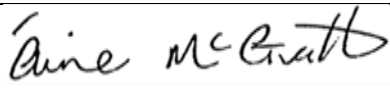
The most recent review took place on 17th June 2026

Remember...

♥ You have the right to feel safe. You have the right to be heard. If something doesn't feel right, please tell a trusted adult. We are here for you.

Signed: *		Date: 17/06/26
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Chairperson of the board of management

Signed: *		Date: 17/06/26
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Principal/Secretary to the board of management

This Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment is expected to be reviewed again on 17/06/27 (*expected review date*)