
Gaelscoil Naomh Pádraig

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Dear Parent,

28/4/14

In recent years, as a society, we have become very aware of the problem of child abuse through neglect, emotional, physical or sexual abuse.

Each one of us has a duty to protect children and *Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children* (2011) notes that teachers, who are the main care givers to children outside the family, are particularly well placed to observe and monitor children for signs of abuse.

In response to this, the Department of Education and Skills published *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools* (2012) in relation to child protection and welfare. These procedures promote the safety and welfare of all children and are to be welcomed and adhered to.

The Board of Management of Gaelscoil Naomh Pádraig has adopted these procedures as school policy. Consequently, if school staff suspect or are alerted to possible child abuse (neglect, emotional, physical and/or sexual abuse) they are **obliged** to bring this to the attention of the 'Designated Liaison Person' (DLP) in the school. **The Designated Liaison Person in Gaelscoil Naomh Pádraig is Liam Breathnach** (P.O). Should it arise that the DLP is unavailable or absent, the Deputy Designated Liaison Person will act as the DLP. The DDLP is Múinteoir Redempta Ní Sheoighe (L.P.O). It is the responsibility of the DLP or the DDLP to seek advice through initiating contact with the Social Work Department of the Child and Family Agency Service. The DLP should seek advice and, depending on the individual concerns voiced, may be instructed to follow the concern up by completing a 'Child Protection Concern Form'. The CFA will then assess the situation and provide support for the child concerned.

Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children may be accessed on the website of the Department of Children and Youth Affairs (www.dcyh.ie) and Department of Education and Skills Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools can be read on the Department's website (www.education.ie) Parents/Guardians are also welcome to look through the procedures and Child Protection Policy here at the school.

Is mise le meas,

Liam Breathnach (Príomhoide)

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A Thuismitheoir, a chara,

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Le blianta beaga anuas, táimid fíor aireach ar fadhb na drochúsáide leanaí – faillí nó drochúsáid mhothúchánach, chorpartha nó ghnéasach.

Tá sé de dhualgas ar gach duine leanaí a chosaint agus luaitear sna treoirlínte Tús Áite do Leanaí: Treoir Náisiúnta um Chosaint agus Leas Leanaí (2011) go bhfuil múinteoirí, mar príomhchúramóirí an linbh lasmuigh den teaghlach, agus go bhfuil said i suíomh maith súil a choinneáil ar leanaí agus monatóireacht a dhéanamh orthu do chomharthaí a bhainfeadh leis na cineálacha éagsúla drochúsáide.

Mar fhreagra air seo, d'fhoilsigh an Roinn Oideachais agus Scileanna Nósanna Imeachta maidir le Cosaint Leanaí do Bhunscoileanna agus Iar-bhunscoileanna (2012) i ndáil le cosaint agus leas leanaí. Déanann na nósanna imeachta seo sábháilteacht agus leas leanaí a chur chun cinn, agus cuirimid go léir mórfháilte rompu.

Ghlac Bord Bainistíochta Gaelscoil Naomh Pádraig leis na nósanna imeachta seo mar pholasaí na scoile. Dá bharr sin, i gcás go bhfuil scoil in amhras go bhfuil drochúsáid leanaí ag tarliúint, nó go bhfaigheann an scoil foláireamh go bhfuil drochúsáid ag tarliúint (faillí, nó drochúsáid mhothúchánach, fhisiceach agus/nó ghnéasach) tá sé **de dhualgas** ar an scoil teagmháil a dhéanamh agus comhairle a lorg ón CFA. Déanfaidh an CFA measúnú ar an scéal agus cuirfidh siad tacaíocht ar fáil don leanbh i gceist. Inár scoil **is é Liam Breathnach an Duine Idirchaidrimh Ainmithe** chun déileáil le Cosaint Leanaí. Má tharlaíonn sé nach bhfuil teacht ar an DIA, glacfaidh an DIAT (Duine Idirchaidrimh Ainmnithe Tanaisteach) an cúram agus an freagracht. 'Sí Redempta Ní Sheoighe an DIAT. Feidhmeoidh an DIAT in áit an DIA go dtí go mbíonn an DIA ar fáil arís.

Is féidir cóip a fháil ar an bhfoilseachán Tús Áite do Leanaí: Treoir Náisiúnta um Chosaint agus Leas Leanaí ar shuíomh gréasáin na Roinne Leanaí agus Gnóthaí Óige (www.dcy.ie) agus is féidir cóip a fháil ar cháipéis na Roinne Oideachais agus Scileanna Nósanna Imeachta maidir le Caomhnú Leanaí ar shuíomh gréasáin na Roinne (www.education.ie). Is féidir le tuismitheoirí/caomhnóirí féachaint tríd na nósanna imeachta agus an Polasaí maidir le Cosaint Leanaí anseo sa scoil.

Is mise le meas,

Liam Breathnach (Príomhoide)

