
Gaelscoil Naomh Pádraig

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Dear Parent,

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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* (2011) in relation to child protection and welfare. These procedures promote the safety and welfare of all children and are to be welcomed.

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 refer this matter to Children and Family Service of the HSE. The HSE will then assess the situation and provide support for the child concerned. In our school the Designated Liaison Person for dealing with Child Protection is Carmel Ní Cháthain.

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.dcyf.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,



Carmel Ní Cháthain.

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A Thuismitheoir, a chara,

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Le blianta beaga anuas, táimid níos mó in iúl ná riamh ar fhadhb 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 sóirt na drochúsáide.

Mar fhreagra air seo, d'fhoilsigh an Roinn Oideachais agus Scileanna Nósanna Imeachta maidir le Cosaint Leanaí do Bhunscoileanna agus Iar-bhunscoileanna (2011) 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 an nósanna imeachta seo mar pholasaí na scoile. Dá bharr sin, i gcás go bhfuil scoil in amhras go bhfuil drochúsáid leanaí ag tarlú, nó go bhfaigheann an scoil foláireamh go bhfuil drochúsáid ag tarlú (faillí, nó drochúsáid mhothúchánach, fhisiceach agus/nó ghnéasach) tá sé de dhualgas ar an scoil sin an scéal a atreorú chuig Seirbhís Leanaí agus Teaghlaigh FSS. Déanfaidh FSS measúnú ar an scéal agus cuirfidh tacaíocht ar fáil don leanbh i gceist. Inár scoil is í Carmel Ní Chatháin an Duine Idirchaidrimh Ainmithe chun déileáil le Cosaint Leanaí.

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,



Carmel Ní Chatháin