



Child Protection Statement

Creagh NS

Ballinasloe

Co Galway

Reviewed June 2017

Child Protection Statement of Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál, Creagh, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway (Roll No. 17198S)

This statement should be read in conjunction with the school's Child Protection Policy.

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 Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál has agreed the following in relation to child protection:

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.** The school's Child Protection Policy is available on the school website www.creaghns.com under the Downloads section. Hard copies of the policy are also available on request from the office.
2. **The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is Ms. Stephanie Keating (Principal)**
3. **The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP) is Mr. Noel Lohan (Deputy Principal)**
4. In its policies, practices and activities, Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál 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 have been identified as being particularly relevant to child protection in our school :

- Code of Behaviour
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Positive School Attendance Policy
- Health & Safety Statement
- Substance Use Policy
- Mobile Phone Policy
- Use of Internet Policy
- Supervision Policy
- Physical Education Policy – Swimming, Outings, Coaches, School Outings, Tours
- S.P.H.E./R.S.E Policies
- Stay Safe/Walk Tall (Revised in February 2017)
- Administration of Medicine
- Pastoral Care Policy
- Glass Panels on room doors must be left unobstructed
- Changing/Toileting Pupils (2 adults)
- Students being collected early
- Administration of First Aid
- Awareness of Child Allergies/Conditions
- Garda Vetting Statutory Requirements; DES Circular 0031/2016
- Special Education Policy
- Mass Servers
- Training of teams or groups after school.

The Board has ensured that the necessary policies, protocols or practices as appropriate are in place in respect of each of the above listed items.

6. The Child Protection Policy has been made available to the school community via the school website www.creaghns.com. A copy of the policy and statement will be made available to the Department and the patron on request.

7. The school's Child Protection Policy will be reviewed by the Board of Management once in every school year.

8. Contact Numbers

- Ballinasloe Health Centre 090 9646200
- Roscommon Social Work Dept. 090 6637529/28
- Ballinasloe Garda Station 090 9631890/9642123
- NEPs, Victoria Place, Galway (0761) 108831

The school's Child Protection Policy was adopted by the Board of Management on 09/01/2012.

Signed: Fr Declan Mc Inerney, Chairperson

Signed: Tony Broderick, Principal

09/01/2012

Date of next review:

There will be an annual review of the school's Child Protection Policy.

This statement will also be reviewed annually.

Most recent review of Child Protection Policy and Statement: June 20th 2017