



**Glencovitt
National School**

Child Safeguarding Statement

Glencovitt National School is a primary school providing primary education to pupils from Junior Infants to Sixth Class.

In accordance with the requirements of the Children First Act 2015, Children First: National Guidance for the Protection Welfare of Children 2017, the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017 and Terms Guidance on the preparation of Child Safeguarding Statements, the Board of Management of Glencovitt National School has agreed Child Safeguarding Statement set out in this document.

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 2017 as part of this overall Child Safeguarding Statement.

The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is **Martina Mallon**

The Deputy Designated Liaison person (Deputy DLP) is **Angela Molough**

The Board of Management recognises that child protection and welfare considerations permeate all aspects of school and must be reflected in all of the school's policies, procedures, practices and activities. In its policies, procedures, practices and activities, the school will adhere to the following principles of best practice in child protection and welfare.

1. The school will:

- 1. Recognise that the protection and welfare of children is of paramount importance, regardless of all other considerations;
- 1. Fully comply with its statutory obligations under the Children First Act 2015 and other relevant legislation relating to the protection and welfare of children;
- 1. Fully co-operate with the relevant statutory authorities in relation to child protection and welfare matters;
- 1. 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;
- 1. Develop a practice of openness with parents and encourage parental involvement in the education of their children; and
- 1. Fully respect confidentiality requirements in dealing with child protection matters.

The following procedures/measures are in place: