

Child Protection Policy

The full Child Protection Policy is available online at www.scoiltalbot.com under Policies.

The policy document has been drawn up by staff, parents and Board of Management of Talbot Senior School in response to recent changes in legislation. The policy takes account of the provisions of the following legislation:

- ❖ The Education Act 1998
- ❖ The Education Welfare Act 2000
- ❖ The Protection of Persons Reporting Child Abuse Act 1998
- ❖ Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs Act 2004
- ❖ Safety, Health at Work Act, 2005
- ❖ Children First Act 2015

In all instances of suspicion or allegations of abuse or neglect, the following guide-lines will be referenced *Children First* (Department of Children and Youth Affairs 2011) *Child Protection Guidelines and Procedures* (Department of Education and Skills 2015)

Aims of policy:

The aims of the Child Protection Policy are to:

- Put in place clear procedures for dealing with and reporting suspected/ alleged cases of child neglect or abuse (Mandatory reporting).
- Endeavour to safeguard the well being of the child and intervene when necessary to protect their rights.
- Help school personnel recognise the signs of neglect or abuse.
- Provide a safe environment for our school community.
Child safe guarding risk assessment is reviewed on an annual basis by the Board of Management

Definition of Abuse:

Child abuse can be categorised into four different types:

- Neglect
- Emotional abuse
- Physical abuse
- Sexual Abuse

Child Protection Contact List

| TITLE | PHONE |
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