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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 Cavan Institute has agreed the following child protection policy:

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.
2. The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is Ann Marie Lacey, director of Cavan Institute
3. The Deputy Designated Liaison Persons (Deputy DLP) are deputy directors Gerard McKenny, Karen Fitzpatrick and Louise Clarke.
4. In its policies, practices and activities, Cavan Institute will adhere to the following principles of best practice in child protection and welfare:

The Institute 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;
- in the case of students aged under 18 and vulnerable adults, develop a practice of openness with parents/guardians and encourage parental involvement in the education of their children; and
- fully respect confidentiality requirements in dealing with child protection matters.

The Institute will also adhere to the above principles in relation to any adult pupil with a special vulnerability.

5. The following policies are of particularly relevance to child protection: Cavan Institute's Code of Behaviour, Anti-Bullying Policy, Attendance Policy, Field Trips Policy, Child Protection Policy, Special Educational Needs Policy, Health and Safety Policy. This list is not exhaustive. 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. This policy has been made available to school personnel and is readily accessible to parents/guardians on request. A copy of this policy will be made available to the Department and the patron if requested.
7. This policy will be reviewed by the Board of Management once in every school year.

This policy was adopted by the Board of Management on 20 December 2016.

Signed: _____

Chairperson of Board of Management

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Principal

Date: _____

Date of next review: November 2021