

Safety Statement for St Patrick's National School

Introduction

At St Patrick's National School, the safety and well-being of our students, staff, and visitors are of paramount importance. This safety statement outlines our commitment to providing a safe and secure environment for all members of our school community. We strive to create an atmosphere that fosters learning, growth, and personal development while ensuring the highest standards of safety are maintained at all times.

Legal Framework

This safety statement is prepared in accordance with the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005 and other relevant legislation, guidelines, and standards applicable to educational institutions in Ireland.

Risk Assessment

We have conducted a thorough risk assessment of our school premises, activities, and procedures to identify and evaluate potential hazards and risks. This assessment is reviewed periodically and updated as necessary to ensure ongoing safety improvements. Our risk assessment takes into consideration various areas, including:

1. Premises: Regular inspections are conducted to identify and address any potential hazards such as damaged flooring, inadequate lighting, or faulty equipment.
2. Emergency Preparedness: We have implemented emergency response plans, including evacuation procedures, fire safety measures, and regular drills to ensure all occupants are prepared in the event of an emergency.
3. Security: Measures are in place to maintain a secure environment, including controlled access to the premises and visitor management systems.
4. Health and Hygiene: We prioritize the health and well-being of our students and staff, ensuring appropriate measures are in place for hygiene, sanitation, and the prevention of the spread of infectious diseases.
5. Curriculum and Activities: Safety considerations are integrated into our curriculum and activities to ensure that risks are minimized during educational trips, physical education classes, science experiments, and other school-related events.

6. Workstation Ergonomics: Staff members are educated about correct workstation setup and ergonomics to prevent musculoskeletal disorders and promote a healthy work environment.
7. First Aid: We have trained personnel on-site who are equipped to provide first aid in the event of an injury or illness.

Safety Responsibilities

At St Patrick's National School, we believe that safety is a shared responsibility. We are committed to fostering a culture of safety and providing appropriate resources and training to all members of our school community. The following responsibilities have been assigned to ensure the effective implementation of our safety measures:

1. Board of Management: The Board of Management is responsible for overseeing the development, implementation, and review of safety policies and procedures.
2. Principal: The Principal is responsible for implementing and enforcing safety measures, ensuring compliance with legislation, and promoting safety awareness among staff, students, and parents.
3. Staff: All staff members have a duty to familiarize themselves with safety policies and procedures, actively participate in safety training, and report any hazards or concerns promptly.
4. Students: Students are expected to follow safety guidelines, report any hazards or concerns to a staff member, and actively engage in safety training and drills.
5. Parents/Guardians: Parents/guardians are encouraged to familiarize themselves with our safety policies and procedures, support their children in adhering to safety guidelines, and communicate any safety concerns to the school.

Review and Continuous Improvement

This safety statement will be reviewed annually to ensure its ongoing effectiveness and relevance. Feedback and suggestions from staff, students, parents, and other stakeholders are encouraged to further enhance safety practices within our school.

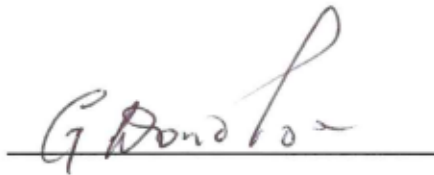
Conclusion

SAFETY STATEMENT

St Patrick's National School is committed to providing a safe and secure learning environment for all members of our school community. By implementing and continuously reviewing our safety measures, we aim to create an atmosphere where everyone can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally while feeling safe and protected.

Date: 26/6/2023.

Signed:



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