



ST. PATRICK'S NATIONAL SCHOOL HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT

St. Patrick's National School will ensure, as far as is reasonably practicable, the safety of all staff and pupils by maintaining safe plant, equipment, secure systems of work, safe premises, secure access, and egress, and by ensuring adequate instruction, training and supervision are provided, following the Terms and Reference of the Safety, Health & Welfare at Work Act 2005. By Section 12 of this legislation, we are also obliged to ensure the safety of all other persons who may be affected by our activities.

St. Patrick's will ensure our safety obligations are met in partnership with our staff. To do this, we implement an effective safety management system through communication and consultation with staff to enhance the sense of wellbeing, which is one of our key objectives.

Our Policy Objectives are:

- To ensure the safety, health and wellbeing of all persons interacting with us.
- To comply with all Irish and European Union safety legislation, guidance, and Codes of Practices.
- To continually strive for Continuous Improvement in our Safety Management System.
- To identify, assess and manage risks. These risks will be evaluated and documented as required under Section 19 Part III of the 2005 Act.
- To promote the value of health, safety, and welfare within St. Patrick's and to develop safe work practices to protect all parties through consultation with our staff.
- To provide adequate instruction, information, training, and supervision as is necessary to ensure the safety, health, and welfare of all staff.
- To monitor and review the effectiveness of the Safety Management System.

This Safety Statement, as a working document, will be reviewed as required under Section 20, Part III of the Safety Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005, or as required, considering experience, legislation, and new developments within St. Patrick's National School.

John Conway - Chairperson
Acting Principal

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