



Child Protection Policy

The Directors of ELP Ireland recognise that child protection and welfare considerations permeate all aspects of its students' High School Programmes and must be reflected in all of its policies, decision-making, practices and activities. Consequently, ELP Ireland has agreed the following child protection policy:

1. The Directors of ELP Ireland have adopted and will implement fully and without modification its Child Protection Procedures for its International High School Students as part of this overall child protection policy.
2. The Directors of ELP Ireland will fully co-operate with the relevant statutory authorities in relation to child protection and welfare matters relating to its students.
3. The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is Richard O'Mahony.
4. The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP) is Claire Limrick.
5. In its policies, decision-making, practices and activities, ELP Ireland will adhere to the following principles of best practice in child protection and welfare:

ELP Ireland will

- recognise that the safety, protection, wellbeing and welfare of its students is of paramount importance and a priority, regardless of all other considerations;
- recognise that its students are here without their legal parents/guardians and therefore extra caution needs to be taken pertaining to its students;
- vet all staff and host families through the National Vetting Bureau;
- adopt safe practices to minimise the possibility of harm or accidents happening to its students and protect any workers or host families from the necessity to take unnecessary risks that may leave themselves open to accusations of abuse or neglect;
- operate on a practice of openness with parents, schools and host families; and
- fully respect confidentiality requirements in dealing with child protection matters.

ELP Ireland will also adhere to the above principles in relation to any High School adult pupil (aged 18+) with a special vulnerability.

The Directors of ELP Ireland have 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 all staff members and host families and is readily accessible to parents, host families or any interested party, on request.
7. This policy will be reviewed by the Directors of ELP Ireland once a year.

This policy was adopted by the Directors of ELP Ireland on 14 September 2016.

Signed: Richard O'Mahony Signed: Claire Limrick
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