

Child Safeguarding Statement

Glenstal Abbey School is a Catholic Secondary Boys Boarding School with students enrolled from First to Sixth Year. We are committed to the care, welfare, development and well-being of all our students.

The Board of Management of Glenstal Abbey School has adopted without modification the Department of Education's *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017* and identifies as our objective to:

- recognise and uphold the rights of children to be protected, encouraged and have their rights respected.
- recognise that the welfare of children must always come first, regardless of all other considerations
- adopt the safest possible practices to prevent or minimise the possibility of harm or accidents happening and protect workers from the necessity of risk taking and leaving themselves open to accusations of abuse or neglect.
- develop safe recruitment practices and take all reasonable steps to ensure candidates are suitable for working with children.
- recognise that early intervention with vulnerable or at risk children may prevent serious harm from happening to them at a later stage.
- provide an induction course for new staff and ensure that, house assistants and prefects are clear in their responsibilities and the procedures to be followed.

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