**Child Protection:**

**Who should I contact?**

Where you have a Child Protection concern, you can contact either of the following staff members by email or through the school phone number (051) 640522

This information is displayed throughout the school.

* Ms. Majella Gleeson – Designated Liaison Person – [principal@erss.ie](mailto:principal@erss.ie)
* Ms. Linda Barry – Deputy Designated Liaison Person – [linda.barry@erss.ie](mailto:linda.barry@erss.ie)

Alternatively, you can make contact with (click on the name for link to relevant section of their websites);

* [Tusla](https://www.tusla.ie/children-first/report-a-concern/)
* [Local Garda Station](https://www.garda.ie/en/Contact-Us/Station-Directory/)

**Background to Children First**

[Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools (revised 2023)](https://goodcounselcollege.ie/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/268613_39868a39-1de4-4890-97a0-2fa388a8a2a9.pdf) have been developed and published following an extensive consultation with the education partners.

The purpose of the procedures is to give clear direction and guidance to school authorities and to school personnel in relation to meeting the statutory obligations under the Children First Act, 2015 and in the continued implementation within the school setting of the best practice guidance set out in the updated [Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017](https://www.tusla.ie/uploads/content/Children_First_National_Guidance_2017.pdf).

The procedures apply to all recognised primary and post-primary schools and to all members of school personnel.

Where the [category of abuse](https://www.tusla.ie/services/child-protection-welfare/definitions-of-child-abuse/)is a risk to the safety and welfare of a child and is above the threshold of harm the Designated Liaison Person or Deputy Designated Liaison person will, following advice from the Tusla appointed [Duty Social Worker](https://www.tusla.ie/get-in-touch/duty-social-work-teams/), make a Standard Report to Tusla on the standard reporting form.

Our Child Safeguarding & Risk Assessment 2024/2025 is available here and is displayed in the main entrance to the school.