

Appendix 5: Summary of the changes to the procedures included in the 2023 review

This appendix contains a summary of the changes made to the *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017* and included in the *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools (revised 2023)*

Minor edits including:

- Department of Education and Skills updated to Department of Education and associated branding changes
- References to Department of Youth Affairs updated to Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth
- References to “*the Department website*” updated to “*gov.ie*” and current links added
- Removal of references to “new” procedures or obligations

Substantive changes:

- Definition of child protection and safeguarding added to the glossary of terms
- Reference to the [Addendum to Children First \(2019\)](#) added to 1.1.1, 9.1.2, 9.3.1 and 9.12.1
- Reference at 1.3.9, and elsewhere where relevant, to the Data Protection Acts updated to include 2018 and General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)
- Section 1.5 added to reference the Commencement of Teaching Council (Information to be Furnished by Employer in Case of Dismissal or Resignation of Registered Teacher) Regulations 2023, from 11 May 2023
- Section 5.2.5 updated to refer to Tusla’s secure web portal for reporting concerns and including a link to the portal
- Sections 5.2.10, 5.3.8 and 5.5.2 now include the additional text “in line with section 9 of these procedures”
- Section 5.4.4 includes updated wording to reflect the current Tusla reporting protocols
- Clarification in chapter 7 that the protocol authorising immediate action is managed by the employer (board of management or ETB, as appropriate)
- Section 7.1.3 has boldface added to existing text
- Section 7.2.9 includes new text “The anonymisation of documentation referred to at 9.5.3 does not apply to the protocol authorising immediate action”
- Section 7.3.6 includes additional wording “For further information, see section 9.5.7”
- Sections 8.4.2 and 8.4.3 have been updated to reflect current post-primary SPHE provision
- Section 8.8.7 has additional text: “Where reference is made to the Child Safeguarding Statement, this means the Child Safeguarding Statement including a Risk Assessment. Where reference is made to the Risk Assessment, this means the Risk Assessment included in the Child Safeguarding statement. They are in one document and a mandatory template is provided on the [gov.ie](#) website [here](#).”
- Section 8.8.9 has been added to refer to Child Protection and Safeguarding Procedures for Boarding Facilities associated with Recognised Schools 2023
- Section 8.9.3 has additional text: “(including a Risk Assessment)”. This has also been added to sections 8.2.1, 8.8.5, 8.8.8, 8.8.10, 8.10.1 and 9.9.1.
- Section 8.13.3 now includes a link to supporting documents
- Section 9.5.3 has additional text to guide anonymisation and redaction of all records provided to the board under 9.5.2 to ensure the identities of any children and any other parties, including the member of school personnel to whom the concern or report relates, are not disclosed
- Section 9.5.7 updated text referring to the emergency meeting
- Section 9.13.2 now includes reference to inspection in boarding facilities
- The footnote in section 9.13.3 updated to refer to the published guides for CPSI and CPSIBFs
- The child protection templates and guidance notes associated with the changes contained in these procedures have been updated accordingly and are available [here](#)