



STANDARD 6 Communicating the Safeguarding Message

Communicating child safeguarding policies, procedures and practice is a core element of the De La Salle strategy to safeguard children in order to ensure that the Brothers and all who engage with them understand the purpose of the procedures and how to use them.

A range of methods to communicate what the De La Salle Brothers are doing to create safe environments for children, and how it is responding appropriately to allegations of child abuse consist of:

1. A Communication Plan
2. Safeguarding Notices and Contact Details
3. Newsletter and Website
4. Policy Agreement
5. Maintaining links with other agencies
6. Review

6.1 **Communication Plan**

The child safeguarding policies, procedures and practice of the Brothers and Lay Staff are to be effectively communicated to all involved in ministry to children and recipients of same. The Safeguarding Committee, in consultation with the Community Representatives and the DLP will oversee the development of a Communications Plan. The plan will be sent to the Brother Visitor for approval and will be reviewed after 3 years if no interim changes are required.

6.2 **Safeguarding Notices and Contact details**

Every Community in Ireland will clearly display a copy of the latest “De La Salle Safeguarding Children Notice” in all its properties to which the public have access. This Safeguarding Notice will detail:

- The Safeguarding Policy Statement, clearly stating the Institute’s commitment to safeguarding children, specifically indicating that the welfare of the child is of paramount importance
- The names and contact details of the DLP
- Contact Numbers of the local Tusla office
- Contact number of the local Garda Síochána

Each Community will be notified when there are changes to the detail on this Notice and each Community will be immediately issued with an updated Safeguarding Notice by the DLP to replace those already in existence.

6.3 **Lasallian Newsletter and Website**

The Safeguarding Children Policy is available on the Lasallian Website www.lasalle.ie The DLP will give updates of developments in safeguarding children by means such as the District’s Newsletters which will be distributed to all members of the Institute.

Contact details of the Designated Liaison Person are available on the website and in the De La Salle Directory.



6.4 Policy Agreement

All Brothers and Lay Staff are required to understand, commit to and sign their agreement to adhere to the Policy the Seven Child Safeguarding Standards of the NBSCCCI April 2016 and to the De La Salle Safeguarding Procedures.

6.5 Maintaining Links with other agencies.

The DLP will seek to maintain and develop links with the civil authorities and agencies and others working to provide safe environments for children.

6.6 Review

The Safeguarding Committee will develop mechanisms for consultation and feedback from interested parties to ensure that the safeguarding message is effectively heard, understood and adapted to the needs of the target groups.

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