

# **St. Catherine's Vocational School**

## **Killybegs**

### **Safety, Health & Welfare Policy Statement**

In accordance with the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005, it is the policy of the Donegal ETB & the Board of Management of St. Catherine's V.S. to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the safety, health and welfare at work of all staff and to protect pupils, visitors, contractors and other persons at the school from injury and ill health arising from any work activity. The successful implementation of this policy requires the full support and active cooperation of all stakeholders of St. Catherine's V.S.

It is recognised that hazard identification, risk assessment and control measures are legislative requirements which must be carried out by the employer to ensure the safety, health and welfare of all staff.

The Board of Management/ETB, as employer, undertakes in so far as is reasonably practicable to:

- Provide a safe place of work and learning that is adequately designed and maintained.
- Promote standards of safety, health and welfare that comply with the provisions and requirements of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005 and other relevant legislation, standards and codes of practice;
- provide information, training, instruction and supervision where necessary, to enable staff and students to perform their work safely and effectively.
- Implement, monitor and review safety practices and procedures at regular intervals.
- Monitor and record safety issues.
- Prepare and revise emergency plans
- Safety Statement is maintained and updated, and written risk assessments are carried out and reviewed as required and brought to the attention of employees at least annually
- Consult with staff on matters related to safety, health and welfare at work
- Provide the necessary resources to ensure the safety, health and welfare of all those stakeholders to whom it owes a duty of care (i.e staff, pupils, contractors and visitors)

The Board of Management/ETB is committed to playing an active role in the implementation of this occupational safety and health policy and undertakes to review and revise it in light of changes in legislation, experience and other relevant developments.

Signed:

\_\_\_\_\_ Principal, St.Catherine's V.S.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson, Board of Management, St. Catherine's V.S.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_