

# Sharing our Guiding Principles

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Parents/guardians, and children and young people will be made aware of the guiding principles, child safeguarding procedures, and Child Safeguarding Statement on initial contact with South-West Wexford SCP.

## Working in Partnership

- Children and young people are made aware of their right to be protected, consulted, and treated with respect.
- When communicating with parents/guardians, families, children and young people, workers and volunteers should be mindful of possible literacy issues, language barriers and communication differences.
- Workers and volunteers should encourage the active participation of children and young people in decision making in a manner which is appropriate to their age.
- Workers and volunteers will check that children and young people understand that they are free to approach any worker/volunteer if they are worried about something.
- Children and young people will be respected and will be heard, listened to, and taken seriously.
- Children and young people will be appropriately consulted on the development of codes of behaviour and policies, including anti-bullying.
- Where possible, and depending on resources, age-appropriate workshops will be facilitated to maximise children and young people's participation.
- Workers and volunteers will seek feedback from parents/guardians informally and via formal review and evaluation.