

INTEGRATED COLLEGE DUNGANNON

ANTI-FRAUD STATEMENT

The Board of Governors of Integrated College Dungannon recognises its responsibilities regarding the prevention of fraud and the procedures to be followed where a fraud is detected or suspected.

The college will act in accordance with the 'Financial and Audit Arrangements for Grant-Maintained Integrated Schools', as laid down by the Department of Education.

College staff and governors are expected to act with integrity at all times.

Definition of Fraud

The Fraud Act 2006, which came into force on 15 January 2007, sets out a general offence of fraud which is defined as "to act in a dishonest manner with the intention of making a gain for oneself or another, or causing loss or expose another to the risk of loss".

The Act sets out three ways of committing fraud: by false representation; by failure to disclose information and by abuse of position.

The suspicion that any of these acts has taken place should be regarded as potentially fraudulent and therefore acted on.

Promoting an Anti-Fraud Culture

We aim to develop an anti-fraud culture within the college through the following:

- Any allegation of fraud, anonymous or otherwise, will be investigated;
- Consistent handling of cases without regard to position held or length of service;
- Consideration of whether there have been failures of supervision. Where this has occurred, disciplinary action may be initiated against those responsible.
- The college will endeavour to recover any losses resulting from fraud, through civil action if necessary;
- Displaying the anti-fraud statement on the college website and in the staff handbook;
- All frauds will be reported to the Department of Education.

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