

The Care Team

At St. Oliver Post Primary School, the Care Team plays a central role in supporting the wellbeing, safety and overall development of our students. The team works collaboratively to ensure that every student feels supported, valued and listened to throughout their time in our school.

What Is the Care Team?

The Care Team is a group of dedicated staff members who meet regularly to support students who may be experiencing academic, social, emotional or personal challenges. Using a whole-school approach to wellbeing, the team aims to identify concerns early and put appropriate supports in place.

The Junior Pastoral Care Team has one timetabled meeting per week, and the Senior Pastoral Care Team has one timetabled meeting per week. During these meetings we review student supports and monitor progress.

Who Is Involved?

- The Care Team includes:
- Principal / Deputy Principal
- Guidance Counsellors
- Year Heads
- AEN Coordinator
- Attendance Officer?

The Care Team also works closely with external support agencies, including:

- NEPS (National Educational Psychological Service)
- NCSE (National Council for Special Education)

How the Care Team Supports Students

The Care Team works together to promote positive mental health and wellbeing, support students with attendance, engagement and behaviour, assist students experiencing social or

emotional difficulties, support students with additional educational needs, and provide guidance during key transition periods.

Students may be referred to the Care Team by staff members through the Compass Referral System. All student referrals from staff are submitted using this system.

Students and parents/guardians may also raise concerns with a Year Head, Guidance Counsellor or member of school leadership, who may then initiate a referral where appropriate.

Where appropriate, and in consultation with parents/guardians, referrals may be made to NEPS, NCSE or other external services to ensure students receive the most appropriate support.

Our Approach

The Care Team places the student at the centre of all decision-making. Supports are tailored to individual needs and reviewed regularly.

All discussions are handled with care and confidentiality, in line with school policies and child protection procedures.

Our Commitment

We are committed to creating a safe, inclusive and caring school environment where every student can thrive academically, socially and emotionally.