Implementation of Protocol for communication to parents when an allegations is made in school

In order to ensure that there is shared understanding of the requirement to communicated effectively with parents if there is an allegation of harm to a child concerning a staff member or where an incident is reported in school, the following implementation steps will be actioned.

- <u>Training</u> School Child Protection Co-ordinators will be familiarised with the protocol during regular training sessions and the protocol will be copied to all establishments.
- <u>Briefing</u> the protocol will be shared at headteacher business briefings and included in the subsequent weekly bulletin. Copies of the briefing will be shared with HR case management team. LNCT and JTU unions will be briefed by Director of Education at their meetings.
- <u>Communications</u> the overall communications plan will include reference to this and any other protocols to ensure that parents, staff and other relevant stakeholder groups are made aware of the procedure.