Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Committee - 2026 - 2027

In accordance with the ***"Protection of Children from Sexual Offence (POCSO) Act, 2012"*** government regulation, issued by ***Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)*** *and* ***CBSE Safety of Children in Schools Circular (2017)*** clearly mandates schools to form the POCSO Committee, to ensure the safety, security, and protection of students, to prevent any form of child abuse, and to establish a mechanism for reporting and redressal of any such incidents in a timely and sensitive manner.

Composition of POCSO Committee - 2026 - 27

Sr. No	Name of Member	Designation In School	Role in Committee	Signature
1	Dr. Jaya Parekh	School Principal	Chairperson (VP / Sr. Administrator)	
2	Mr. Vinayak Pawar	Sports Teacher (Male)	Male Teacher	
3	Ms. Suranjana Hazra	Academic Coordinator (Jigyasa)	Female Teacher	
4	Ms. Pooja Patil	Female Teacher	Female Teacher	
5	Ms. Sharvi Wankhede	Student	Female Student Representative	
6	Mast. Vihaan Bhushan	Student	Male Student Representative	
7	Mr. Manish Hegde	Admin Head	Non-Teaching Staff	
8	Adv. Preeti Singh Pardeshi		External Member (Child Rights NGO)	
9	Ms. Prashansa Phapale	School Counsellor	School Counsellor	
10	Ms. Minaj Shaikh	School Nurse	Medical Expert	

Responsibilities of the Committee:

- Act on any complaint of sexual misconduct or child abuse immediately.

- Coordinate with **parents, authorities, and law enforcement**, if required.
- Organize **regular sensitization workshops** for staff, students, and parents.
- Maintain proper documentation and submit **periodic reports** to the Principal.
- Ensure visibility of child protection measures through **display boards, complaint boxes**, and access to the committee.

Reporting Mechanism:

Students, parents, or staff members can approach any committee member directly or raise concerns confidentially via the ***"I Think I Feel Box"*** placed outside the Principal's room. Reports can also be shared at:

- dean@dpshinjawadi.com
- adminhead@dpshinjawadi.com
- prashansa.phapale@dpshinjawadi.com

The school is committed to providing a nurturing environment where every student, especially girls and children with special needs, feel **safe, respected, and empowered**. We look forward to the **active participation and meaningful contributions** of all committee members in achieving the vision behind this initiative.