



## **Child Safeguarding Statement**

*(extract from Policy ratified March 2018)*

St Vincent's Castleknock College is a post-primary school providing post-primary education to pupils from First Year to Leaving Certificate Year.

In accordance with the requirements of the Children First Act 2015, Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017, the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017 and Tusla Guidance on the preparation of Child Safeguarding Statements, the Board of Management of St Vincent's Castleknock College has agreed the Child Safeguarding Statement set out in this document.

- 1) The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is Mr Christopher Kinder (Principal).
- 2) The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP) is Mr Colin Townsend (Dep Principal).
- 3) The Board of Management recognises that child protection and welfare considerations permeate all aspects of school life and must be reflected in all of the school's policies, procedures, practices and activities. In its policies, procedures, practices and activities, the school will adhere to the following principles of best practice in child protection and welfare.

The school will:

- recognise that the protection and welfare of children is of paramount importance, regardless of all other considerations;
- fully comply with its statutory obligations under the Children First Act 2015 and other relevant legislation relating to the protection and welfare of children;
- fully co-operate with the relevant statutory authorities in relation to child protection and welfare matters
- adopt safe practices to minimise the possibility of harm or accidents happening to children and protect workers from the need to take unnecessary risks that may leave themselves open to accusations of abuse or neglect;
- develop a practice of openness with parents and encourage parental involvement in the education of their children; and
- fully respect confidentiality requirements in dealing with child protection matters.

The school will also adhere to the above principles in relation to any adult pupil with a special vulnerability.

- In relation to reporting of child protection concerns to Tusla, all school personnel are required to adhere to the procedures set out in the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017, including in the case of registered teachers, those in relation to mandated reporting under the Children First Act 2015.
- The various procedures referred to in this Statement can be accessed via the school's website, the DES website or will be made available on request by the school.
- The College will ensure that any external organisations using the school premises will have their own safeguarding policies and practices in place and up to date prior to rental being permitted.

This Child Safeguarding Statement was adopted by the Board of Management on 14 March 2018.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson of Board of Management

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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