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Re: **Child Protection Procedures**

Dear Parents/Guardians/Carers,

In recent years, as a society, we have become very aware of the problem of child abuse through neglect, emotional, physical or sexual abuse.

Each one of us has a duty to protect children and *Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children* (2011) notes that teachers, who are the main care givers to children outside the family, are particularly well placed to observe and monitor children for signs of abuse.

In response to this, the Department of Education and Skills published *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools* (2017) in relation to child protection and welfare. These procedures promote the safety and welfare of all children and are to be welcomed.

The Board of Management of Sacred Heart SNS has adopted these procedures as school policy. Consequently, if school staff suspect or are alerted to possible child abuse (neglect, emotional, physical and/or sexual abuse) they are obliged to refer this matter to Tusla - Child and Family Agency. Tusla will then assess the situation and provide support for the child concerned, if deemed necessary. In our school the Designated Liaison Person for dealing with Child Protection is Mr. Gerry Diver (Principal) and the Deputy Designated Liaison Person is Ms. Bernadette McCarthy (Deputy Principal).

Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children may be accessed on the website of the Department of Children and Youth Affairs (www.dcyia.ie) and the Department of Education and Skills *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools* can be read on the Department's website (www.education.ie). Parents/Guardians/Carers are also welcome to look through the procedures and Child Protection Policy here at the school or on our school website.

Yours faithfully,

G.Diver
Principal