

# Ballymacarbury Central School

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“Ní neart go cur le chéile”



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Dear Parents,

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 Ballymacarbury NS has adopted these procedures in their entirety 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. TUSLA will then assess the situation and provide support for the child / children concerned. Each teacher is now a mandated person under law to deal with such issues. In our school the Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is Mr. Michael J. O' Ryan while the Deputy DLP is Ms Lorraine Franey.

*Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children* may be accessed on the website of the Dept of Children and Youth Affairs ([www.dcyf.ie](http://www.dcyf.ie)) The Department of Education and Skills *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017* can be read on the Department's website ([www.education.ie](http://www.education.ie)).

Parents/Guardians are also welcome to look through our procedures and Child Protection Policy here at the school. The last Annual Review of the Procedures took place on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023 at Board meeting. The Patron and the PA were forwarded current copies.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Michael J. O' Ryan - Principal. (DLP)