

# Child Safeguarding Statement



**St. Columba's College is a Catholic Voluntary Secondary School within the Ceist Trust and is committed to the pursuit of excellence in a caring environment. Inspired by the vision of Catherine Mc Auley, Mercy education is committed to the holistic development and to the achievement of the full potential of each student, particularly those who are disadvantaged or marginalised.**

**St. Columba's College aims to provide a happy, secure environment conducive to good behaviour in which students can develop emotionally, spiritually and academically taking the child's background, circumstances and ability into consideration. We strive to develop a culture where good relationships are encouraged, people feel valued and respected and pupils are encouraged to express themselves and have people listen to them.**

**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. Columba's College has agreed the Child Safeguarding Statement as published on our website.**

**The Board of Management has adopted and will implement fully and without modification the Department's Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017 as part of its overall Child Safeguarding Statement. 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.**

**All issues relating to Child Safeguarding and Protection should be reported to the:**

**Designated Liaison Person (DLP) – Mr. Tom Rowan, Principal**

**In the absence of the DLP, issues relating to Child Safeguarding and Protection should be reported to:**

**Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDLDP) – Ms. Georgina White, Deputy Principal**

**A copy of our Child Safeguarding Statement is available on request.**

**1<sup>st</sup> March 2018**