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Child Safeguarding Statement Template

Our Lady of Mercy National School is a primary school providing primary education to pupils from Junior Infants to Sixth Class.

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 **Our Lady of Mercy National School** has agreed the Child Safeguarding Statement set out in this document.

- 1 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 this overall Child Safeguarding Statement.
- 2 The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is: **Tomás Walsh**
- 3 The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDL) is: **Olivia Jones**
- 4 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. The school will adhere to the following principles of best practice in child protection and welfare. The school will:
 - a. recognise that the protection and welfare of children is of paramount importance, regardless of all other considerations
 - b. fully comply with its statutory obligations under the Children First Act 2015 and other relevant legislation relating to the protection and welfare of children
 - c. fully co-operate with the relevant statutory authorities in relation to child protection and welfare matters
 - d. adopt safe practices to minimise the possibility of harm or accidents happening to children and protect workers from the necessity to take unnecessary risks that may leave themselves open to accusations of abuse or neglect
 - e. develop a practice of openness with parents and encourage parental involvement in the education of their children; and
 - f. 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.

- 9 This statement has been published on the school's website and has been provided to all members of school personnel, the Parents' Association (if any) and the patron. It is readily accessible to parents and guardians on request. A copy of this Statement will be made available to Tusla and the Department if requested.
- 10 This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed annually or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which this statement refers

This Child Safeguarding Statement was adopted by the Board of Management on **20th December 2022.**

Signed: Patrick Fennell
Chairperson of BoM

Date: 20/12/22

Signed: Tomás Walsh
Principal/Secretary to the BoM

Date: 20/12/2022

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Mandatory Template 4: Notification regarding the Board of Management's review of the Child Safeguarding Statement

To: Parents' Association of Our Lady of Mercy N.S. Stradbally

The Board of Management of Our Lady of Mercy N.S wishes to inform you that:

The Board of Management's annual review of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement was completed at the Board meeting of **20th December 2022**.

This review was conducted in accordance with the "Checklist for Review of the Child Safeguarding Statement" published on the Department's website www.education.ie

Rev Jeremiah Condon

Signed Patrick Fennell

Date: 20/12/22

Chairperson, Board of Management

Tomás Walsh

Signed Tomás Walsh

Date 20/12/22

Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management