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Child Safeguarding Statement & Risk Assessment

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Revision	Date	Ratified by Board
1	Sept. 2024	Yes

St. Laurence's BNS Kilmacud is a primary school providing primary education to pupils from Junior Infants to Sixth Class.

In accordance with the requirement of the Children's First Act 2015 as amended ('2015 Act'), Children First National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017, The Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2023 and Tusla Guidance on the Preparations of Child Safeguarding Statements, the Board of Management of St. Laurence's BNS Kilmacud ('Board') 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 2023 as part of this overall child safeguarding statement.
2. The **Designated Liaison Person** ('DLP') is **Damian Moran**, Principal of St. Laurence's BNS. Mr. Moran was re-appointed as DLP at a meeting of the Board held on 24th September 2024.
3. The **Deputy Designated Liaison Person** ('DDLDP') is **Carragh Ní Éineacháin**. Ms. Ní Éineacháin was re-appointed as DDLDP at a meeting of the Board held on 24th September 2024.
4. The Board recognises that child protection and welfare considerations permeate all aspects of school life and must be reflected in all the school's policies, procedures, practices and activities. In its policies, procedures, practices and activities the school will adhere to and follow principles of best practice in child protection and welfare:
 - St. Laurences Boys National School will:
 - i. Recognise that the protection and welfare of children is of paramount importance regardless of all other considerations.
 - ii. Fully comply with its statutory obligations under the 2015 Act and other relevant legislation relating to the protection and welfare of children.
 - iii. Fully co-operate with the relevant statutory authorities in relation to child protection and welfare matters.
 - iv. Adopt safe practices to minimise the possibility of harm or accidents happening to children and to protect workers from the necessity to take unnecessary risks that may leave themselves open to accusations of abuse or neglect.
 - v. Develop a practice of openness with parents to encourage parental involvement in the education of their children.
 - vi. Fully respect confidentiality requirements in dealing with child protection matters.
 - The school will also adhere to the above principles in relation to any pupil with a special vulnerability.
5. In relation to any member of staff who is the subject of any investigation (however described) in respect of any act, omission, or circumstance in respect of a child attending the school, the school adheres to the relevant procedures set out in Chapter 7 of the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2023 and to the relevant agreed disciplinary procedures for school staff which are published on the website of the Department of Education.
 - In relation to the provision of information and where necessary instruction and training to staff in respect of identification of the occurrence of harm (Act 2015) the school:

- i. Has provided each member of staff with a copy of the school’s Child Safeguarding Statement.
 - ii. Ensures all new staff are provided with copy of the school’s Child Safeguarding Statement.
 - iii. Encourages staff to avail of relevant training.
 - iv. Encourages members of the Board of Management to avail of relevant training.
 - v. The Board maintains records of all staff and Board member training.
 - In relation to reporting 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 2023 including, in the case of registered teachers, those in relation to mandated reporting under the 2015 Act.
 - In this school the Board has appointed Damian Moran DLP as the relevant person (2015 Act) to be the first point of contact in respect of the school’s Child Safeguarding Statement.
 - In accordance with the 2015 Act the Board has carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while attending the school or participating in school activities. A written assessment setting out the areas of risk identified and the school’s procedures for managing those risks is attached as an appendix to these procedures.
 - The various procedures referred to in this statement can be accessed via the website of the Department of Education or will be made available on request.
6. This statement will be published on the school website and has been provided to all members of school personnel, The Parents’ Association, and the school’s Patron. It is readily available to parents on request.
7. The Child Safeguarding Statement was adopted by the Board of Management of St. Laurence’s BNS on 24th September 2024.

Signed: _____ Signed: _____
Chairperson Board of Management Secretary BoM/Principal

Date: _____ Date: _____

Note: For a signed copy, please contact the school.