



**St. Kilian's**  
Deutsche Schule Dublin

## **St. Kilian's Primary and Kindergarten School**

### **Child Safeguarding**

#### **Declaration of Guiding Principles**

**St. Kilian's Primary and Kindergarten School provides primary education to children between 4 and 12 years of age. Principles to Protect Children from Harm**

- The protection of children will always come first.
- Children will be protected, treated with respect, listened to and have their own views taken into consideration.
- All St. Kilian's staff, both permanent and part-time, who carry out relevant duties, are Garda vetted.
- St. Kilian's Primary and Kindergarten School has appointed a Designated Liaison Person (DLP) to act as a liaison with outside agencies. The DLP will act as a resource to any member of St. Kilian's Primary and Kindergarten School who has child safeguarding queries or concerns. The DLP will also be responsible for reporting suspicions or allegations of child abuse to Tusla/the Gardaí.
- Where the DLP is unavailable or unable to act for whatever reason, St. Kilian's Primary and Kindergarten School has appointed a Deputy DLP or other nominee) to assume the DLP's responsibilities.
- All St. Kilian's staff who carry out relevant duties undertake Tusla online Child Protection Training – Children First E-Learning.
- All child safeguarding or welfare concerns will be reported to Tusla/Gardaí in a timely manner.
- The safest possible practices will be adopted to minimise the possibility of harm or accidents happening to children and to protect St. Kilian's staff from the necessity to take risks and leave themselves open to accusations of abuse or neglect.

Our guiding principles are underpinned by Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children, Tusla's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and current legislation such as the Children First Act 2015, Child Care Act 1991, Protections for Persons Reporting Child Abuse Act 1998 and the National Vetting Bureau Act 2012.

Our guiding principles apply to all paid staff, volunteers, committee/board members and students on work placement within our organisation. All of whom must sign up to and abide by these guiding principles and our child safeguarding procedures.

We will review our guiding principles and child safeguarding procedures every two years or sooner if necessary due to service issues or changes in legislation or national policy.

St. Kilian's Primary and Kindergarten School's Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children (2017), and Tusla's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice.



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In addition to the procedures listed in our risk assessment, the Child Safeguarding Statement supports our commitment to safeguarding children while they are on the campus or engaged in school activities off campus, and contains details of the following procedures:

- Procedure for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct against workers/volunteers of a child availing of our service.
- Procedure for the safe recruitment and selection of workers and volunteers to work with children.
- Procedure for provision of and access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm.
- Procedure for the reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Tusla.

St. Kilian's Primary and Kindergarten School recognises that implementation of our Child Safeguarding Statement is an ongoing process. This Declaration and our Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025, or as soon as practicably possible after there has been a significant change in any matter to which the statement refers.

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