



*St. Mary's Christian Brothers' Grammar School*  
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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

### **Safeguarding and Child Protection**

All staff in St. Mary's, both teaching and non-teaching, have a responsibility to ensure the protection and welfare of our pupils. This is a duty we take very seriously. Our most recent Pastoral Inspection in November 2017 complimented our pastoral structures for their effectiveness and accessibility to pupils and parents.

One important aspect of this Pastoral provision is our procedures for dealing with a Child Protection issue. Overleaf is a flowchart outlining how you or your son might approach the school with any concern in this area. As a staff we are committed to dealing with all approaches promptly and sensitively.

Please note that Mrs Fiona Crookes (Pastoral Vice-Principal) is our **Designated Teacher for Child Protection** and that Mrs Amanda Barr (Senior Teacher) is our **Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection**. Mr Jim Sheerin is our governor with responsibility for Child Protection.

It is important that these structures for referral are in place although it is our common wish that they need never be called upon. At all times, we recognise that the pupils in our charge have a fundamental right to be protected from harm and we will continue to work in partnership with home to promote this safeguarding system.

### **Suspected Covid-19 symptoms**

Any pupil suffering from suspected symptoms of Covid-19 **should not attend school**. I have attached 2 flow charts outlining the steps to be taken in the case that your son is experiencing symptoms either at home or in school. Please read this information carefully. In the event of a positive case of Covid-19, the school will cooperate with and act on advice provided by the Public Health Agency (PHA) 'Test and Trace and Protect' programme, which will include the sharing of information as required.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Siobhan Kelly  
Principal



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**CHILD PROTECTION**

Alerting St Mary's to a potential child protection concern within the school

