



St. Patrick's Junior School

TENNIS COURT LANE, SKERRIES, CO. DUBLIN

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Principal: Máire Ní Chróinín

Deputy Principal: Gráinne Connolly

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Child Safeguarding Information

- The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) for St. Patrick's JNS is **Máire Ní Chróinín**.
- The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDLp) for St. Patrick's JNS is **Gráinne Connolly**.
- All teachers in the school are **Mandated Persons**.

Mandated persons have a legal duty to report to Túsla if they are concerned that a child has been, is being, or may be harmed. In a school this is usually done by reporting to the DLP or DDLp in the school. The DLP or DDLp will make the report to Túsla on behalf of the mandated person. A mandated person must also make a report to Túsla (again, in a school this is usually via the DLP/DDLP) if a child tells them they are being harmed. Mandated persons may also be asked to help Túsla in the assessment of a mandated report.

More information is available via the QR code in the "Information for Parents and Guardians on Mandated Persons" leaflet, available in this section of the website.

How staff members in St. Patrick's JNS deal with disclosures of abuse from a child:

- React calmly
- Listen carefully and attentively
- Take the child seriously
- Reassure the child that they have taken the right action in talking to you
- Do not promise to keep anything secret
- Ask questions for clarification only
- Do not ask leading questions
- Check back with the child that what the staff member has heard is correct and understood correctly
- Do not express any opinions about the alleged abuser
- Ensure that the child understands that the staff member must tell someone who understands this area and who can help
- Make a written record of what the child has told the staff member as soon as possible, in as much detail as possible
- Treat the information confidentially
- Speak to the Designated Liaison Person or Deputy Designated Liaison Person without delay about the disclosure so the DLP or DDLp can report the disclosure.
- Continue to support the child

