



# Scoil Oilibhéir

## **Child Protection Procedures:**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

In recent years, as a society, we have become very aware of the problem of child abuse through neglect, emotional abuse, physical abuse, or sexual abuse.

Each one of us has a duty to protect children and *Children First*, the National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of children noted that teachers, who are the main care givers to children outside the family, are particularly well placed to observe and monitor children for signs of abuse. 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 Scoil Oilibhéir has ratified our Child Safeguarding Statement. This statement was reviewed in June 2019.

**The Child Safety Statement is available on our website and it is also displayed in the school reception.** If school staff suspect or are alerted to possible child abuse, in any of the above forms, they are obliged to refer this matter to TUSLA, who will then assess the situation and provide support for the child concerned.

*Children First*, the National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children may be accessed on the website of the Health Service Executive ([www.hse.ie](http://www.hse.ie)) and the Tusla (Child & Family Agency, established 2014) website: [www.tusla.ie](http://www.tusla.ie). Parents/Guardians are also welcome to look through the guidelines here at the school.

Le gach dea ghuí,

Aodán Ó'Briain,

Príomhoide