



Child Safeguarding in St Mac Dara's Community College An **important message** from the Student Council

The student council thinks the school is a **safe place** and that there is a **positive atmosphere in our school**. The relationships among students are very good and the relationships between students and teachers are very good.

However, from time to time people experience problems and so does our school. If you believe that you or another student is in a situation **where you believe that you or they are at risk of harm, there are people that you can talk to**.

What is considered harmful?

- If someone is neglected
- If someone is emotionally harmed
- If someone is physically harmed
- If someone is sexually harmed

What do you do if you suspect abuse?

You should tell someone straight away. NO DELAY.

Who can you tell?

You can talk to any member of staff but you may prefer to speak to;

- Your tutor
- Your year-head
- The Chaplain (Ms Greene)
- The Guidance Counsellors (Ms McCormack or Mr Finnegan)
- The Principal or Deputy Principals

What can you expect if you pass on information to a teacher?

All teachers must pass on information to the Designated Liaison Person (DLP)
(The DLP = Ms Gibson, Principal).

Teachers and other members of staff cannot promise to keep an issue a secret as it is against the law not to pass on the information. If you recognise the effects of these actions on yourself or on another student, you can talk to any teacher. The teacher will pass this information onto the DLP. If the DLP is not available, the information is passed onto the Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DLP) /

(The DDLP = Ms Clune, Deputy Principal).