



## ST IVO SCHOOL

### CHILD PROTECTION GUIDANCE

The protection and welfare of all children with whom we come into contact is of primary importance to all who work within the school environment. Some children are in need of protection from emotional, physical or sexual abuse or from neglect.

We have a **legal** obligation to follow certain procedures if there are any concerns about any student. These involve working closely with other agencies to devise the most appropriate plan of action for each individual case. The designated teacher makes any referrals to the outside agencies or the Police Family Unit.

#### **Concerns**

If you have reason to have any concerns (however minor they may seem to be), about any pupil or a pupil confides in you, these **MUST** be reported as soon as possible to the designated teacher. It is never possible to promise a student that you will keep their secrets/confidences. All relevant information must be passed on. It could be part of a much larger picture.

#### **Procedures**

After passing on the information, it is possible that you will continue to help with the student, if they are comfortable talking to you. However, confidentiality has to be maintained considering the student's best interests.

**The full Child Protection Policy will be available to the successful applicant.**