

# Willow Park Junior School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Following the conviction of a former lay staff member of Willow Park School for historical abuse of former students, I want to take this opportunity to communicate with you.

This is a deeply distressing matter, and our thoughts are with all those who have been affected. We fully acknowledge the pain and hurt caused and remain committed to supporting anyone impacted by these events.

We continue to encourage anyone affected to seek support and to report their experience to the appropriate agencies listed below:

- **Spiritan Safeguarding Office** – John Moore – [john.moore@spiritanplt.ie](mailto:john.moore@spiritanplt.ie) – 087 6709461
- **Spiritan Restorative Justice Programme** – Tim Chapman – [timchapman@rjteam.net](mailto:timchapman@rjteam.net)
- **An Garda Síochána** – 1800 555222
- **Tusla** – [www.tusla.ie](http://www.tusla.ie)

In addition, Willow Park Junior School has robust safeguarding measures in place to protect all members of our community. These include:

- A **comprehensive Child Safeguarding Statement** in line with national legislation.
- **Mandatory vetting** of all staff and volunteers through the National Vetting Bureau.
- **Children's First Training** for all staff
- **Annual safeguarding training** for all staff, with regular updates.
- A **Designated Liaison Person (DLP)** and Deputy DLP available for any safeguarding concerns.
- Clear **reporting procedures** for students, parents, and staff
- A **Welfare Support Team** for all pupils

The school will continue to provide advice and support to any current community members including students, staff, and parents.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support as we work together to provide healing and care for those affected

Kind Regards,

Cormac Mc Aleer

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cormac Mc Aleer". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Cormac" being more prominent than the last name "Mc Aleer".

Principal

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