MANDATORY REPORTING

Implementation Date: 12 May 2004
Review Date: Term 4 2015

Rationale:
• All children have a right to feel safe and to be safe. As teachers, we have a legal and moral responsibility to respond to serious incidences involving abuse and neglect of the children with whom we have contact, and to report instances that we believe involve physical abuse, sexual abuse or neglect.

References:

Further information concerning training around mandatory reporting can be obtained by contacting the Student Wellbeing Regional Coordinator at your regional office. On-line training is available.

Aims:
• To ensure that children’s’ rights to be safe are maintained and each child is protected against physical and sexual abuse, and neglect.

Implementation:
• All members of the Teaching Service are mandated by law to report signs of physical and/or sexual abuse, and neglect.
• New staff will be informed of mandatory reporting responsibilities and procedures as part of their induction procedure.
• Staff will be reminded of mandatory responsibilities annually.
• All concerns must be reported immediately to the Principal.
• The Principal will keep a record of all discussions about a student with whom there is a concern.
In all instances refer to the DEECD guidelines above.

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