



## **POLICY STATEMENT**

As a constituent member of the Catholic Church in Ireland, we recognise and uphold the dignity and rights of all children, are committed to ensuring their safety and well-being, and will work in partnership with parents/guardians to do this. We recognise each child as a gift from God, and we value and encourage the participation of children in all activities that enhance their spiritual, physical, emotional, intellectual and social development. All Church personnel (including clergy, religious, staff and volunteers) have a responsibility to safeguard children through promoting their welfare, health and development in a safe and caring environment that supports their best interests and prevents abuse.

## Details of Personnel to Contact if you are Concerned about the Welfare and Safety of Children:

If you have a safeguarding concern or wish to report an allegation of child abuse, please contact one of our Diocesan Designated Liaison Persons who are responsible for receiving /managing concerns and complaints relating to safeguarding children that involve Church personnel.

Designated Liaison Persons
Diocese of Elphin:

Mary Nicholson (Tel: 086-3750277) Helen Diskin (Tel: 087-0516888) C/o St. Mary's ,Temple Street, Sligo. TUSLA-Child and Family Agency
Contact Numbers

Sligo/Leitrim 071-9155133 Roscommon/Galway 091-546235 Mayo 094-9049137

Garda National
Protective Services Bureau
Telephone 01-6663430

For further information on safeguarding, contact:

## **Mary Nicholson**

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Diocese of Elphin, St. Mary's ,Temple Street, Sligo.
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