



Safety Statement

St Vincent's Special School Safety Statement, in accordance with the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 1989. Prepared by representatives of the Board of Management, in consultation with parents and teachers in accordance with the Safety, Health and Welfare Act at Work Act 1989.

St Vincent's Special School undertakes to:

- Provide, as far as possible, a safe and healthy workplace.
- Provide safe access and exit routes.
- Provide training, information and appropriate protection from the use of chemicals, equipment etc.
- Provide instruction to employees on proper lifting techniques of pupils if necessary and assistance in dealing with pupils with challenging behaviour.
- Make information available to employees, contractors, visitors and the school community.
- Provide arrangements for consultation with employees on matters of health and safety.
- Prepare and revise emergency plans.
- Endeavour to create a safe and positive work and school environment.

Equally, St Vincent's School requests and expects the co-operation of all employees, contractors, visitors and members of the school community to comply with the Safety Policy by:

- Observing the general rules of safety.
- Carrying out everyday tasks with awareness for safety.
- Keeping work areas clean and tidy and particularly ensuring that corridors and escape routes are kept free from obstruction at all times.
- Familiarising themselves with this statement and any other relevant information and literature provided.
- Reporting without unreasonable delay, any defects in the school, which might endanger safety, health or welfare.

We have prepared a more detailed Health & Safety Policy, which sets out in more depth, our responsibilities in the health and safety area, in every area of school life.

Ratification, Communication and Review:

This policy was ratified by the Board of Management in June 2020 and communicated to the school community thereafter. This policy will be reviewed in 2 years' time and amended as necessary by means of a whole school collaborative process.