

## SS John & Monica Catholic Primary School



### **School Statement on Child-on-Child Abuse**

Child-on-child abuse can take various forms including (but not limited to):

- Bullying e.g being called names, insulted, sworn at
- Cyberbullying e.g any form of online abuse
- Physical Abuse e.g, hitting, kicking
- Racism
- Sexual harrasment e.g sexual jokes, taunting, gestures

**At SS John and Monica's we operate a zero tolerance approach to child-on-child abuse by the following:**

- Being aware of the types of child-on-child abuse and understanding the impact of these
- Recognising that even though child-on-child abuse may not be visible or reported, it could still be happening
- Creating a safe culture in school where all types of child-on-child abuse are promptly identified and appropriately responded to
- Creating a culture where children know who to talk to about concerns and feel comfortable doing so, assured that they will be supported and the matter will be dealt with
- Taking a pro-active rather than reactive approach and focusing on consistent systems and structures, prevention, identification, response/intervention and preventative education
- Ensure that preventative education covers age appropriate issues such as: healthy and respectful relationships, boundaries and consent, responsible and safe use of social media, racism, sexual harrasment, sterotyping, prejudice and equality, body confidence and self-esteem
- Ensuring that all staff are trained on the issues surrounding child-on-child abuse

#### **Mission Statement**



**At SS John & Monica's, we learn through  
the example of Jesus to Love, Respect, Understand and Value each other.**