

## **Child Protection & Welfare**

The Department of Education & Skills has introduced Guidelines and Procedures for all schools in relation to Child Protection and Welfare. These guidelines promote the welfare of all children and are to be welcomed.

The Board of Management of Presentation Convent Junior School has adopted these guidelines as school policy. Consequently, if there is a matter of concern in relation to abuse of children, be it neglect, emotional, physical or sexual abuse, we are obliged to report this to the HSE who will assess the case and provide the necessary support for the child concerned.

There have been seminars for all schools throughout the country to inform them of these guidelines. The relevant document *Children First* can be accessed on the website of the Department of Health and Children [www.dohc.ie](http://www.dohc.ie) The Department of Education & Skills' Child Protection Guidelines can be read on the Department website [www.education.ie](http://www.education.ie) . This is by way of notification to parents of the procedures that operate under the guidelines.