

Statement from the Vincentian Community in response to the publication of The Scoping Inquiry Report

4th September 2024

The Vincentian Community acknowledges the publication of The Scoping Inquiry Report that makes reference to three Vincentian schools, St Vincent's Castleknock College; St Paul's College, Raheny; St Peter's National School, Phibsborough and Coolmine Community School where The Vincentians are Joint Trustees. The compilation of this report had our fullest co-operation.

The Vincentian Community wishes to offer our continuing support to anyone who was harmed during their time in our schools, and we encourage them to contact us. We are fully committed to helping anyone who has suffered abuse, in any way we can. It is a matter of immense regret and sadness that people were abused while in our care.

We encourage anyone with concerns on child safeguarding issues to contact An Garda Síochána, Tusla, the Colleges or the Provincial Office of the Vincentian Community.

The Minister for Education has now announced a Commission of Investigation into religious run schools, and this will also have our fullest cooperation.

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