01/November/2022

Attention: Sharon Conroy, SEO, SDCC. Your ref: M 76460

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In response to your correspondence dated 19th October 2022, received on 24th October 2022, the situation is as follows;

This gate was closed since the start of the pandemic, and - following a review by the school BOM - remains closed.

The decision to do so was taken after weighing up the pros and cons to the school and to the wider population and reflects the school board’s risk review for health and safety, as well as it’s legal obligations (see links below).

There are some challenges around the timely delivery and collection of younger children to multiple schools on the campus. There’s also an issue of safety around the stretch of footpath between Scoil Mhuire and the entrance to the adjacent church. The board have communicated with all TDs for Dublin Mid-West on this matter, and attached is a reply from Mark Ward TD on a request for the provision of a safety rail between Scoil Mhuire entrance and the local church front entrance (see attached).

The multiple building projects in the area don’t help, but they are managed, with ongoing dialogue between the relevant parties.

I hope this update is of some help to you. I will also shortly contact individual councillors who have made contact with the school. I welcome the recent Area Committee motions to better manage local traffic around school start and finish times on Boot Road.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Molony

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Chairperson of Board of Management, Scoil Ide



All Child Protection & Safeguarding requirements must be, under current legislation, always followed where children are concerned.

The appropriate acts are as follows:

[Children First Act 2015](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2015/act/36/enacted/en/pdf),

[Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017](https://assets.gov.ie/25844/b90aafa55804462f84d05f87f0ca2bf6.pdf)

[the Addendum to Children First (2019)](https://assets.gov.ie/25819/c9744b64dfd6447985eeffa5c0d71bbb.pdf)

[Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017](https://www.gov.ie/pdf/?file=https://assets.gov.ie/45063/2d4b5b3d781e4ec1ab4f3e5d198717d9.pdf#page=1)

[Tusla Guidance on the preparation of Child Safeguarding Statements](https://www.tusla.ie/uploads/content/4214-TUSLA_Guidance_on_Developing_a_CSS_LR.PDF)

[Safety, Health and Welfare at work Act 2005](https://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2005/act/10/enacted/en/print)