

## **Mandated Persons**

All teachers are now ‘mandated persons’. There are two areas of responsibility which will apply to mandated persons in a primary school:

- Where a mandated person knows, believes or has reasonable grounds to suspect, on the basis of information that he or she has received, acquired or becomes aware of that a child:
  - has been harmed
  - is being harmed
  - is at risk of being harmed

***He or she must report that knowledge, belief or suspicion, to the Child and Family Agency (Tusla) as soon as practicable.***

- Where a child believes that he or she:
  - has been harmed
  - is being harmed
  - is at risk of being harmed

***and discloses that belief to a mandated person, the mandated person must report that disclosure to Tusla as soon as practicable.***