



To the Blackrock College and Willow Park Schools Community (Past and Present)

Blackrock College and Willow Park Schools acknowledge the findings in the report issued to the Minister for Education by the Chair of the Scoping Inquiry, Mary O'Toole SC. We are deeply saddened and regretful that a significant number of students, in the care of the schools, were subjected to historical sexual abuse over many years. Both the scale of the abuse and the duration of the timeframe over which the abuse was perpetrated is shocking and a shameful period in the history of the schools.

Blackrock College and Willow Park Schools reaffirm their commitment to supporting the survivors and we would encourage anyone who has not yet chosen to come forward, to consider doing so. They can do so in confidence, by contacting any of the following people: Mary O'Carroll, Spiritan Safeguarding Officer at mary.o'carroll@spiritanplt.ie or John Moore, Spiritan Safeguarding Co-ordinator at john.moore@spiritanplt.ie or by engaging with the Restorative Justice Programme, led by Tim Chapman at timchapman@rjteam.net.

We continue to work in partnership with the Blackrock College Union, the Restore Together Group and the Spiritan Order to bring healing to those who suffered as children and who continue to suffer as adults. Restore Together has been very active and effective in advocating for and supporting survivors.

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