

**STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF
CBC MONKSTOWN, DUBLIN.**

Date: May 31st 2024

Board of Management of CBC Monkstown wishes to express our solidarity and support for the past pupils of the school who were abused by Gerard O'Brien.

We commend their bravery in coming forward and hope last December's verdict will help them begin to recover from the harm done to them. The evidence that emerged in this case has been truly shocking and a matter of profound regret for the whole school community.

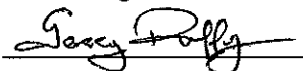
It is a source of deep sorrow and regret to all of us that Gerard O'Brien abused young pupils while he was a member of our teaching staff.

To our former pupils and staff, current student body, staff and parents, we wish to assure you that pupil safety and well-being are of the utmost importance to all of us and we implement robust safeguarding procedures in all our school settings.

The school authorities have put specialised counselling services in place which will be available to the victims and survivors. This can be sourced promptly with minimum waiting times and at no cost to the victims and survivors. Anyone in need of support at this time can contact the school in complete confidence at dlp@cbcmonkstown.ie

They can be assured of our full support.

Statement on behalf of the Board of Management of CBC Monkstown, Dublin.

Gerry Duffy (School Principal) 

Mr Martin Duggan (Chairperson CBC Board of Management) 