

Ficheall.ie

Child Safeguarding Statement

Policy 2019/2020

Ficheall.ie an organisation that promotes the playing of chess in primary schools. This involves the organising of inter-school chess tournaments between primary schools.

In accordance with the requirements of the Children First Act 2015, Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017, the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017 and Tusla Guidance on the preparation of Child Safeguarding Statements, the organising committee of Ficheall.ie have agreed the Child Safeguarding Statement set out in this document.

- 1 Each school attending Ficheall.ie chess competitions do so operating under their own school's child safeguarding statement. Children from all schools must be accompanied to competitions by a mandated person from their school. For incidents pertaining to contractors of Ficheall.ie we adopt the following statement.

- 2 The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is Damien Fallon

- 3 The organising committee recognise that child protection and welfare considerations permeate all aspects of school life and must be reflected in all of the organisation's policies, procedures, practices and activities In its policies, procedures, practices and activities Ficheall.ie will adhere to the following principles of best practice in child protection and welfare:

The organisation will:

- recognise that the protection and welfare of children is of paramount importance, regardless of all other considerations;
- as teachers we fully comply with our statutory obligations under the Children First Act 2015 and other relevant legislation relating to the protection and welfare of children;
- fully co-operate with the relevant statutory authorities in relation to child protection and welfare matters
- adopt safe practices to minimise the possibility of harm or accidents happening to children and protect workers from the necessity to take unnecessary risks that may leave themselves open to accusations of abuse or neglect;

- develop a practice of openness with parents
- fully respect confidentiality requirements in dealing with child protection matters.

The organisation will also adhere to the above principles in relation to any adult pupil with a special vulnerability.

4 The following procedures/measures are in place:

- In relation to any member of the organisation who is the subject of any investigation (howsoever described) in respect of any act, omission or circumstance in respect of a child attending the competitions, the organisation adheres to the relevant procedures set out in Chapter 7 of the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017 and to the child safeguarding statement of their relevant school.
- In relation to the selection or recruitment of contractors and their suitability to work with children, the organisation adheres to the statutory vetting requirements of the National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Acts 2012 to 2016 and to the wider duty of care guidance set out in relevant Garda vetting circulars published by the DES and available on the DES website.
- In relation to the provision of information and, where necessary, instruction and training, to staff in respect of the identification of the occurrence of harm (as defined in the 2015 Act) the organisation-
 - Has provided each member school with a copy of its Child Safeguarding Statement
 - Ensures all new schools are provided with a copy of the organisation's Child Safeguarding Statement
 - Ensure all schools understand that their staff and student attend under the protection of their own schools child safeguarding statement
- In relation to reporting of child protection concerns to Tusla, all teachers involved are required to adhere to the procedures set out in the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017, including in the case of registered teachers, those in relation to mandated reporting under the Children First Act 2015 in accordance with their own schools Child Safeguarding Policy.

- In this organisation, the organising committee have appointed the above named DLP as the “relevant person” (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) to be the first point of contact in respect of the child safeguarding statement.
- All registered teachers associated with the organisation are mandated persons under the Children First Act 2015.
- In accordance with the Children First Act 2015, the organising committee have carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while attending Ficheall.ie events. A written assessment setting out the areas of risk identified and the school’s procedures for managing those risks is attached as an appendix to this statement.
- The various procedures referred to in this Statement can be made available on request by the organisation.

- 5 This statement has been published on the organisation’s website and has been provided to all members of the organisation’s personnel. It is readily accessible to parents and guardians on request. A copy of this Statement will be made available to Tusla and the Department if requested.
- 6 This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed annually or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which this statement refers.

This Child Safeguarding Statement was adopted by the organising committee on _____ .

Signed: _____

Signed: _____

Chairperson of Ficheall.ie

Secretary of Ficheall.ie

Date: _____

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