



GLASNEVIN SCHOOLBOYS/GIRLS FC CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT SEASON 2023

GLASNEVIN SCHOOLBOYS/GIRLS Football Club (the Club) through the auspices of the Football Association of Ireland (FAI), the Schools Football Association of Ireland (SFAI) and the Dublin & District Schoolboys League (DDSL), will endeavour to provide soccer coaching and development for those aged five to 18 years who are members of our club.

The Club is committed to safeguarding all its membership under the guidance of all FAI safeguarding policies. All members of the club, committee, coaching staff and volunteers, are committed to providing a safe and friendly environment for all our players to develop their skills.

We have developed our Child Safeguarding Statement in line with the requirements under the Children First Act 2015, the Children First: National Guidelines and Tusla's Child Safeguarding: A guide for Policy, Procedure and practice and the FAI Child Welfare and Safeguarding Policy (2nd Edition, March 2019).

The Club has the following procedures in place to safeguard our players while they are in our care.

1. Child safeguarding policies and procedures
2. Procedure for the reporting of such allegations of abuse or misconduct against club workers/ volunteers
3. Procedure for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct against workers/ volunteers.
4. Procedure for the reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Tusla, the Child & Family Agency.
5. Procedure for the safe recruitment and selection of committee members and volunteers to work with children.
6. Procedure for provision of and access to child safeguarding training and information, Child safeguarding policies and procedures, including identification of the occurrence of harm.
7. Procedure for appointing a relevant person for the purpose of the legislation.

The club's written risk assessment document will identify areas of potential risk of harm, the likelihood of such risk occurring and the required procedures to eradicate the risk. Risks are identified in the following categories: Club & Coaching practices, Complaints & Discipline, Reporting Procedures, Recruitment, Communications and Health & Safety.

The Club will undertake an annual Safeguarding Risk Assessment, or more regularly if needed, which could indicate areas of potential risk of harm and outlines the required policy and guidance required to alleviate these risks.

We recognise that child safeguarding is an on-going process. Our club is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the procedures that assist in keeping children safe from harm while in our care. This statement will be kept under continuous review and updated/amended as required.

Signed, on behalf of the Glasnevin Schoolboys Football Club



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For further information on this Child Safeguarding Statement, please contact Child Welfare Officer Ger O'Flaherty on 087 827 3577 or by email geroflaherty999@yahoo.ie