



Cybersafekids - Child Safeguarding Statement

1. **Name of service being provided:** CYBERSAFEKIDS
2. **Nature of service and principles to safeguard children from harm:**

We deliver online safety education sessions across Ireland in primary and post-primary classrooms, always with teaching staff present. In the course of our work, we strive to promote the safety and well-being of children at all times, in line with our core values of dignity, respect and protection from harm.

CyberSafeIreland (T/A CyberSafeKids – CSK) will ensure that all reasonable measures are taken to minimise the risk of harm to children in our programmes and activities.

3. Risk Assessment

We have carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while availing of our services including the area of online safety when accessing the internet. Below is a list of the areas of risk identified and the list of procedures for managing these risks.

	Risk identified	Procedure in place to manage identified risk
1	Disclosure of online harms	CSK Child Protection Policy
2	Triggering child through session content	CSK Child Protection Policy
3	Behavioural or emergency incident if teacher is temporarily required to not be in classroom	CSK Child Protection Policy and Individual School Health & Safety Policy
4	Trip and fall	Individual School Health & Safety Policy
5	Specific online safety responses incidents being raised in class – while teacher is present	Training of Trainers (Tusla <i>Children First</i> training/CSK in-house e-learning/ CSK Child Protection Policy)

4. Procedures

Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, *Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children* (2017), and Tusla's *Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy*,

Procedure and Practice. In addition to the procedures listed in our risk assessment, the following procedures support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our service:

- Procedure for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct against workers/volunteers of a child availing of our service;
- Procedure for the safe recruitment and selection of workers and volunteers to work with children;
- Procedure for provision of and access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm;
- Procedure for the reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Tusla;
- Procedure for maintaining a list of the persons (if any) in the relevant service who are mandated persons;
- Procedure for appointing a relevant person.

All procedures listed are available upon request.

5. Implementation

We recognise that implementation is an on-going process. Our service is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the procedures that support our intention to keep children safe from harm while availing of our service.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed in **June 2027** or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

For any queries, please contact **Philip Arneill** at dlp@cybersafekids.ie