

Child Safeguarding Statement – Speech and Drama with Sarah

1. Name of service being provided:

Speech and Drama with Sarah

2. Nature of service and principles to safeguard children from harm

Speech and Drama with Sarah provides professional tuition in speech and drama. Child protection and welfare considerations are of paramount concern to management and permeate all aspects of the drama teaching and are reflected in all of the schools policies, procedures, practices and activities. All students are nurtured and encouraged to reach their full potential free from harm and in a safe environment.

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	Risk of harm to a child from a member of staff	Vetting Child protection policy
2	Risk of harm to child from a service user (adult or child), visitor or member of the public	Staff Supervision First Aid training Reporting procedure Child protection policy Consultation with service users
3	Risk of harm or concern not being recognised or reported	Staff information, supervision and training Reporting incident on incident report

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 on a 24month basis or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

Signed:  (Provider)
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