

Child Safeguarding Statement

1. **Name of service being provided:** Fenagh Development Company (Fenagh Visitor Centre & Fenagh Community Centre)

2. **Nature of service and principles to safeguard children from harm:** Our service provides an indoor soft-play area for children. We provide parent & toddler classes, parties and school-holiday camps for children. We are committed to safeguarding all children who use our service.

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 to children if not adequately supervised	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents/ Guardians should be reminded they must supervise children in their care • Where children are left in the care of Staff, staff must be trained to approved standard in the supervision of children with the correct ratio of adults to children (1 adult per 5 children) • All organised groups using centre should have their own insurance (e.g. Parent, Baby and Toddler group)
2 Risk of injury in the play area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff to regularly inspect climbing frame and immediately repair any broken/torn items immediately to approved standard • Check play-area daily for items left in main climbing frame that could be choked on and in particular hidden underneath balls in the ball pit • Daily cleaning of climbing frame • Make parents aware of items that may fall out of their pockets when playing with small children and check the area regularly for these items • Make sure all children meet the age and height requirements and are using the correct area e.g. Babies in ball pit segregated area only • Make sure health and safety regulations visible for all customers • Have cold packs/first aid items available in case of injury • Signs on zip door – Staff Area only
3 Risk posed by unknown adults being in the centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People not using the play area to sit in the café / welcome hall of the centre. • Advise parents / guardians to accompany their children to bathrooms.

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 31/5/24, or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

Signed: _____ *JBOHara* _____ (Provider)