

Child Safeguarding Statement – Feb 2023

Charity Reg Numbr 20071325

Name of service being provided:

Coole Music & Arts CLG provides Music Education and Music-related Activities to children and adults.

CM & Arts provides one to one tuition as well as group tuition to orchestras, ensembles and choir groups.

Activities range from weekly rehearsals to public concert performances to fundraising events to trips abroad.

To Safeguard Children: Coole Music & Arts CLG is committed to safeguarding children in the following ways:

- A trained Designated Liaison Person (Katharina Baker) and Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Ellie Farrell) are in place.
- All teachers and regular volunteers underwent Garda Vetting.
- All teachers have completed Child Protection training and have also successfully completed the online training provided by TUSLA/IAYO.
- A Caretaker is in place at Gort Community School during weekly classes and activities to oversee health and safety while students are in the building.
- The issue of Child Protection is a standing item on the agenda for each monthly meeting of the Coole Meeting Steering Group.

Risk Assessment

Coole Music & Arts have carried out an assessment of any potential of risk of harm to young people while availing of our services. Below is a list of the areas of risk identified and the list of procedures for managing these risks.

List of Activities CMA has identified the following risk of harm.	CMA Safety Procedures in place to manage identified risk
Risk of harm not being recognised and or not being dealt with appropriately. Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel.	Child welfare policies & procedures implemented and up to date Child Safeguarding statement to be made available to teachers and regular volunteers. All contract teachers to complete the Children First E-Learning programme.

Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly.	Address the Training of contract teachers/ regular volunteers in Child Protection matters.
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Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel	Parents are requested and constantly reminded that their children need to be accompanied to class. Procedure in place for recruitment, Garda vetting & referencing of staff & volunteers.
Risk of a child being harmed by another child or visitor to the school.	Anti-bullying policy, caretaker and supervisors present in the building.
Trips/Concerts/Activities Risk of child being harmed (e.g. bullying) by a member of school personnel, a member of staff of another organisation or other person while child participating in activity.	Staff should make themselves aware of potential risks, monitor those risks and act accordingly. Two supervisors are always present. Rota of supervisors regularly scheduled. Teachers undergo child protection training
One-to-one teaching Harm by teachers or volunteer supervisors.	CMA has policy in place for one to-one teaching: Glass in window of classroom doors. Parents asked to be present at one-to-one lessons for children in primary school. Regular discussions at bi-annual faculty meetings regarding how to manage placement of hands/fingers on instruments.
Use of toilet areas in schools. Risk of harm from a stranger, staff member, older child or supervisor.	Parents/guardians are requested to accompany children to class and be available for toilet breaks.

Care of children with special educational needs, including intimate care where needed, Risk of harm due to lack of knowledge/training.	Parents/guardians are requested to accompany children to class and be available for toilet breaks. School registration form requires parents to inform school of any special needs.
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Administration of Medicine Risk of harm due to lack of knowledge/training	For overnight activities, medical forms have to be completed outlining medication needs.
Risk due to alcohol	Staff & volunteers on duty never drink. Clear boundaries set for young people, code of conduct and rules for participants of overnight activities is communicated.

Administration of First Aid Risk of harm due to lack of knowledge/training	Only qualified first aid responders with up-to-date training are recruited.
Inappropriate use of social media and mobile phones	Adopt policies on communications and use of social media. Parents are required to sign a permission form on registration for any use of children's images in advertising/promotion of CM activities. Only Director or Administrator of school personnel uploads approved material to school's social media accounts (facebook). Individuals are not named unless permission is obtained from parents of the individual.
Inappropriate use of data/ personal information	Adopt policies on communications and use of personal information.
Risk of harm due to inadequate Code of Behaviour	Robust Code of Behaviour in place
Provision in respect of Child Protection with Steering Group -Issue would not be addressed regularly	Child Protection is a permanent item on the agenda for each meeting of the CM Steering Group
Students Participating in Work Experience Risk of harm due to lack of training.	Group activities only, where supervision is provided - never one-to-one.

Policies and 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 and guidelines from the Irish Association of Youth Orchestras.

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 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 in the relevant service who are mandated persons;
- All procedures listed are available upon request.

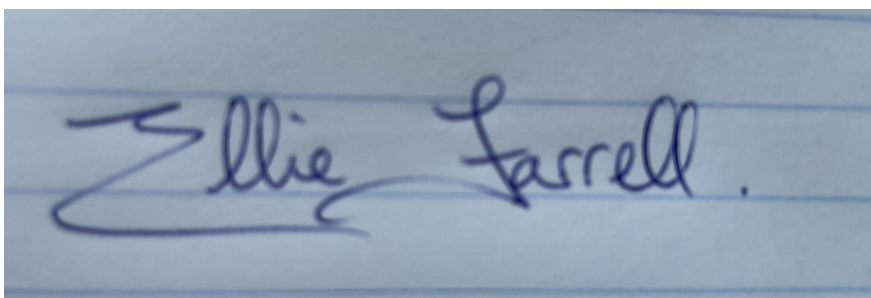
Implementation

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 January 2023, or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

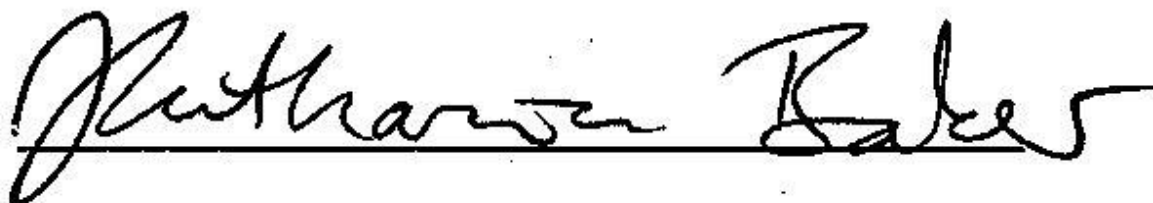
Signed:

Date: 22 April 2023

Ellie Farrell for Coole Music & Arts CLG Administrator, % Dooneen, Burren, Co. Clare (via Galway)
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For queries, please contact Relevant Persons under the Children First Act 2015.