

## Additional Information for Parents can be found below:

- [www.childsafeguardingelc.ie](http://www.childsafeguardingelc.ie)
- [www.tusla.ie/childrenfirst](http://www.tusla.ie/childrenfirst)
- [www.tusla.ie/children-first/parents-and-guardians](http://www.tusla.ie/children-first/parents-and-guardians)

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## Information on Child Safeguarding for Parents and Carers

Name of Early Learning and Care or  
School Aged Childcare Service

Address:

Name of Relevant Person:

Contact No:



Name of Designated Liaison Person (DLP):

Contact No:



Name of Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDL):

Contact No:



## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS ON

# CHILD SAFEGUARDING IN EARLY LEARNING AND CARE AND SCHOOL AGED CHILDCARE SERVICES



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Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Óige  
Department of Children, Equality,  
Disability, Integration and Youth

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Children First: National Guidance outlines that all organisations working with children, including Early Learning and Care and School Aged Childcare Services should create a culture of safety that promotes the welfare of children and young people availing of their services. ELC and SAC services are also defined as 'relevant services' in the Children First Act 2015 and have specific statutory obligations under the Act to keep children safe whilst they are availing of the service.

The Children First Act 2015 places specific obligations on organisations which provide services to children and young people. One of these obligations is to report Child Protection and Welfare concerns above a defined threshold to Tusla.



## What should parents/carers expect from an Early Learning and Care and School Aged Childcare Services?

- It is a legal requirement that all ELC and SAC Services are registered with Tusla
- A Child Safeguarding Statement that is clearly visible to all who enter the service. The Child Safeguarding Statement must include a Risk Assessment and must also outline the procedures that are in place to mitigate identified risks
- A Child Safeguarding Policy that outlines the roles and responsibilities of staff in relation to Child Safeguarding concerns. Specifically, this policy should outline reporting procedures and procedures for dealing with allegations made against staff and volunteers within the service
- A Code of Behaviour within the Child Safeguarding Policy that outlines the standard expected from all employees and explains what is acceptable and what is not when employees are working with children
- A Safe Recruitment Policy, based on **'The Child Safeguarding Resource Document – Child Safeguarding Statement, Policy and Procedures. Guidance for Early Learning and Care and School Aged Childcare Services in Ireland'**
- All Early Learning and Care and School Aged Childcare Services must have a training strategy in place to ensure that ALL STAFF can access Child Safeguarding training and information

If parents have a concern relating to Child Protection and Welfare they should contact their local Tusla Duty Social Work Department

[www.tusla.ie/get-in-touch/  
duty-social-work-teams/](http://www.tusla.ie/get-in-touch/duty-social-work-teams/)

If parents have a concern relating to standards of care within an Early Learning and Care Service they can contact the Tusla Early Years Inspectorate

[https://www.tusla.ie/get-in-touch/  
early-years-inspectors/](https://www.tusla.ie/get-in-touch/early-years-inspectors/)

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