



OurKidsCode Workshop Safeguarding Statement

OurKidsCode provides family friendly computing workshops for parents/guardians and their children. The OurKidsCode team are committed to safeguarding children who attend OurKidsCode workshops under the guidance of our Safeguarding Policies. OurKidsCode project team members, workshop trainers and our volunteers are carefully recruited and are committed to creating a safe environment for families and their children.

The OurKidsCode Child Protection Policy includes a written Risk Assessment, which indicates area of potential risk of harm including the likelihood of the risk occurring, and includes policies that are required to address these risks. The Risk Assessment covers: Workshop Supervision; Bullying; Online Bullying; Online Supervision; Garda Vetting; Incident Reporting; Mobile Device Use; Social Media and Research.

The OurKidsCode Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015 (the Children First: National Guidance and Tusla's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice). In addition to our Risk Assessment, there are further procedures that support our intention to safeguard children while they are attending OurKidsCode workshops. These include: dealing with and reporting allegations of abuse or misconduct by trainers or volunteers against a child availing of OurKidsCode workshop activities; safe recruitment of staff and volunteers to work with children in our activities; access to safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm and the appointment of a Designated Liaison Person as the first point of contact and Deputy Designated Liaison Person.

OurKidsCode Steering Committee have appointed the Designated Liaison Person as Nina Bresnihan (childprotection@ourkidscode.ie) and a Deputy Designated Liaison Person as Lorraine Fisher (childprotection@ourkidscode.ie) for incident reporting.

This Child Safeguarding Statement has been prepared in accordance with requirements contained in the Children First Act 2015. The OurKidsCode project team are committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and recognise that safeguarding is an ongoing process. This statement will be reviewed within 24 months of the date below

Chairperson, Steering Committee: Signed.....Date: 06/10/2018

Secretary, Steering Committee: Signed.....Date: 06/10/2018

Academic Lead: Signed.....Date: 06/10/2018

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