

Coláiste Curam

Child Safeguarding Statement for Campa Cnoc an Dúin

This statement has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Children First Act 2015*.

Statement

Lár-choiste Cúram and its members recognise and uphold the dignity and rights of all children, young people and vulnerable adults. They are committed to ensuring their protection, safety and well-being. Coláiste Curam will work in partnership with parents/carers and or guardians for them to achieve this. The organisation values and encourages the participation of children and young people in all activities that enhance their physical, emotional, intellectual, social and spiritual development recognising that each child is a gift from God.

Coláiste Curam is an Irish language summer college run by Cúram per the requirements of the Department of Education and Skills and the Children First Act 2015, Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017, the National Board for the Safeguarding of Children in the Catholic Church, and Tusla Guidance on the preparation of Child Safeguarding Statements, Coláiste Curam has agreed the Child Safeguarding Statement set out in this document.

- 1 The Principal Áine Ní Thuama has adopted and will implement fully and without modification the National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017.
- 2 The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is Áine Ní Tuama, Príomh-oide
- 3 The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP) is: Conchur O Muimhneacháin, Ball den Lár-choiste
- 4 Colaiste Curam recognises that child protection, and welfare considerations permeate all aspects of camp life and must be reflected in all of the camps policies, procedures, practices and activities. Coláiste Curam will adhere to the following principles of best practice in child protection and welfare as follows:
 - Recognise that the protection and welfare of children are of paramount importance, regardless of all other considerations.
 - Fully comply with its statutory obligations under the Children First Act 2015 and other relevant legislation relating to the protection and welfare of children.
 - Fully co-operate with the relevant statutory authorities about child protection and welfare matters.
 - Adopt safe practices to minimise the possibility of harm or accidents happening to children and protect workers from the necessity to take unnecessary risks that may leave them open to accusations of abuse. Develop a practice of openness with leaders.

- Fully respect confidentiality requirements in dealing with child protection matters.

5 The following procedures/measures are in place:

- Concerning any member of staff or leader who is the subject of any investigation (howsoever described) in respect of any act, omission or circumstance in respect of a child attending Knockadoon, the Coiste adheres to the relevant procedures set out in the National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children and Vulnerable Adults.
- Concerning the selection or recruitment of staff and leaders and their suitability to work with children, the Coiste adheres to the statutory vetting requirements of the National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Acts 2012 to 2016
- In relation to the provision of information and where necessary, instruction and training to staff in respect of the identification of the occurrence of harm (as defined in the 2015 Act) Coláiste Curam:
 - Provides each staff member and leader with a copy of Coláiste Curam Child Safeguarding Statement.
 - Requires all staff members and leader to avail of relevant child protection training every three years and or as new relevant training is required.
- All Coláiste Curam personnel must adhere to the procedures set out in Children First: The National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children, 2017 in relation to reporting child protection concerns to the statutory authorities.
- Lár-Choiste Coláiste Curam has appointed the DLP named earlier as the 'relevant person', as defined in the Children First Act, 2015, to be the first point of contact in respect of the Camps Child Safeguarding Statement.

6 Coláiste Curam DLP, DDLP, and the Director of the Camp and Dominican brethren present on Camp are all Mandated Persons in accordance with the Children First Act, 2015.

7 Under the Children First Act, 2015, Coláiste Curam has assessed any potential for harm to a child while attending the Camp or participating in Camp activities. A written assessment setting out areas of risk identified and the Camps' procedures for managing those risks is in the Appendix..

8 The procedures referred to in this Statement are also posted in the public areas of the Camp.

- 9 The Child Safeguarding Statement is made available to all Coláiste Curam staff. A copy of the Statement is also made available to Tusla personnel if requested.
- 10 Coláiste Curam Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed annually or as soon as practicable after a material change in any matter to which this statement refers.

Contact Details for Reporting an allegation:

Coláiste Cúram DLP:	Áine Ní Thuama	(087) 2226779
Coláiste Cúram DDLP:	Conchúr Ó Muimhneacháin	(087) 6883483
Irish Dominican Province, DLP	Ms. Mary Tallon	(089) 7087881
Tusla, Child and Family Agency:	Mr. Barry Murray	(021) 4923503
Youghal/Midleton Garda Station		(021) 4621550

Signed: _____
Provincial,
Irish Dominican Province

Signed: _____
DLP, Knockadoon Camp

Signed: _____
Knockadoon Camp Director

Signed: _____
For Coláiste Cúram

Date: _____

Date: _____

This Child Safeguarding Statement was reviewed and adopted by Coláiste Curam on 27th July 2024

APPENDIX ONE

Risk Assessment Policy for Knockadoon Camp

The Dominican Friars of the Province of Ireland have carried out an assessment of the potential for harm to children, young people and vulnerable adults involved in Church activities in the Province. The following lists the identified risks and the practices and procedures in place for managing these risks:

Risk Identified	Procedures and Practices in place to manage identified risk (please also refer to the Policy for Safeguarding Children, Dominicans Friars of the Province of Ireland, March 2010)
Through their involvement in church/public ministry activities, children, young people and vulnerable adults could be exposed to people who may cause them harm.	All Camp staff, group leaders and Dominican brethren, including visiting clergy, volunteers, and or students involved in the Camp are subject to Garda vetting. Proper recruitment procedures of staff and leaders for Knockadoon Camp. Every visiting priest will sign the log book available in the chapel. A celebrant will not be issued to any priest or deacon until Garda vetting is completed.
Allegation of abuse or misconduct against any church brethren, or any person who may work with the Province in a paid or voluntary capacity, against a child, young person and vulnerable adult involved in public ministry.	The Dominican Friars of the Province of Ireland Safeguarding policy outlines the procedures for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct against any brethren or any person who may work with the Province in a paid or voluntary capacity. Provision of relevant and up to date training to brethren or any person who may work with the Province in a paid or voluntary capacity in Knockadoon Camp.
Dominican Church personnel, paid or unpaid working with children, young people and vulnerable adults could behave inappropriately towards and or engage in unsafe ministry practices.	Code of behaviour/conduct for those working with children, young people and vulnerable adults. Best practice procedures involving appropriate communication with children, young people and vulnerable adults (see Policy for Safeguarding Children, Dominicans Friars of the Province of Ireland, March 2010, page 14-15)

	Complaints procedures
Responsibility for safeguarding and child protection in the Dominican Province of Ireland	Policy for Safeguarding Children, Dominicans Friars of the Province of Ireland, March 2010, details the roles and responsibilities for safeguarding in the Province. Training, information and advice is provided by the Designated Liaison Person, (DLP) and local approved Child Protection Trainers.
Lone working and or working in unsafe, unsupervised environments	One to one activities may be an essential, valuable and necessary facet of therapeutic/counselling work and the Province will endeavour to ensure that adequate safety precaution and practices are in place in such situations, for example in counselling, retreat activities, residential and or youth activities. Provincial, Director of Knockadoon Camp, youth and residential leaders and members of the brethren based in Camp are aware of lone working arrangements which may take place in Knockadoon camp. Parents/carers to be made aware of lone arrangement plans in advance and as when required. Provision of adequate supervision, arrangements for activities involving children, young people and vulnerable adults at all times. Induction and training for all staff and leaders Appropriate leader/camper supervision ratios at all times in Bunkhouses, dormitories and on site. Supervision ratios vary according to age and activities, for example 1/8 on outings and 1/10 on Camp. No camper is to be on the Pier or in the water unless a fully qualified Lifeguard is on duty.

	Campers are to be supervised at all times at the beach with the appropriate ratios of leaders to campers as referenced and additional leaders to supervise bathroom trips etc.
Administration of Medication	Medication is administered with the consent of parents/carers only and two leaders must always be present for the distribution of medication to children and young people.
Peer to peer abuse/bullying, including use of social media.	Code of Behaviour is shared with all children, young people and their parents/carers. Rules regarding appropriate behaviour is outlined and included in planning for all activities on Camp and in, public ministries and or church related activities. Anti-bullying procedure and strategies to prevent further bullying All adults working in church based roles involved with children, young people and vulnerable adults to provide positive role model On-going supervision of open public spaces and activities when in Camp.
Additional Policies and Procedures for Knockadoon Camp.	Separate dormitories for male and female children and young people. Separate dormitories for over and under children and young people over eighteen years of age. Appropriate ratio of adults supervising dormitories at night time. Open door policy for leaders and campers. No leaders or Dominican brethren to befriend campers on any social media forums. Any current social media connections to cease immediately in accordance with each Camp user groups Social Media Policy. Transporting of campers must be done with two leaders.

	Parental permission is required for use of photography, video etc. Specific reporting procedures required for each group. Sign in book is required for every member on Camp during any one week. Daily check in and checkout system is essential. Visitor badges and sign in books is required for all groups using the Camp. All leaders must be Garda Vetted. All leaders must complete have the National Youth Council child protection training or equivalent and have read and signed the Knockadoon Camp Child Safeguarding Statement.
Any child, young person and or vulnerable adults may have been, is being or is at future risk of abuse or neglect which may go undetected and or unreported	Policy for Safeguarding Children, Dominicans Friars of the Province of Ireland, March 2010 has been circulated and continues to be provided to all church based ministries, parishes and services provided under the auspices of the Dominicans. Safeguarding information, training and advice provided by the Dominican Safeguarding Office and the NBSCCI. The Diocesan Child Safeguarding and Protection Service provide training for parishes staffed by Dominicans, as it does for all other parishes. Safeguarding message conveyed through Dominican OP websites newsletters and parish safeguarding notices
Child Protection Concerns	The Dominican Province ensures that all its brethren, paid and unpaid staff, volunteers and students are familiar with its child protection policies and procedures. Reporting thresholds and procedures outlined in the Policy for Safeguarding Children, 2010 and which are reviewed an on-going basis and

	the guidelines on reporting concerns and disclosures.
Reporting Child Protection Concerns	The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) will liaise with all relevant external agencies. The DLP will provide advice, support and guidance to the Dominican brethren, staff, paid and unpaid, volunteers and students who have child protection concerns. This is done in accordance with Children First: <i>National Guidelines for the Protection and Welfare of Children (2017)</i>. If the DLP is not available the deputy DLP can be contacted on any child protection matter. Joint reports will be made by DLP/ deputy DLP and Mandated Persons, where appropriate taking account of data protection requirements.
Awareness of responsibilities as a Mandated Person under the Children First Act, 2015	Role of mandated person as outlined on the Children First Act, 2015, and in the Children First: <i>National Guidelines for the Protection and Welfare of Children (2017)</i> Information leaflet on overview of the role of Mandated Person's circulated to all Mandated Persons in monthly bulletin/newsletter List of Mandated Persons will be compiled and updated on an on-going basis Training and information sessions to be provided to all Mandated Persons.
Safeguarding practice may not be fully implemented	Annual self-audit carried out by the Dominican Safeguarding Office. External review by NBSCCI.

Child Protection Procedures

The Dominican Order, OP promptly reports all concerns that a child, young person and or a vulnerable adult may have been, is being or is at risk of being abused or neglected in accordance with procedures developed in line with the requirements of the:

- *Children First Act, 2015,*
- *Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017,*
- *Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice,*

- *Criminal Justice (Withholding of Information on Offences against Children and Vulnerable Persons) Act 2012.*

A copy of this Child Safeguarding Statement both as a separate document and as part of the Policy for Safeguarding Children, Dominicans Friars of the Province of Ireland, March 2010 is available on request and online at www.dominicans.ie.

Implementation

The Dominican Friars of the Province of Ireland is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the practices and procedures that support our commitment to keeping children, young people and vulnerable adults' safe from harm while engaged in any Church ministry and or church based activities in the Province.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed in February 2020 or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

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Designated Liaison Person,
Knockadoon Camp

Signed: _____
Fr. Luuk Jensen OP
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Date: _____