

Rathcoole Boys Football Club

Child Safeguarding Statement

Rathcoole Boys FC in accordance with all current and future legislative requirements and procedures has agreed that this Child Safeguarding Statement is binding on all members, to include but not limited to, Trustees, committees, managers, coaches, volunteers, visitors, supporters, family members & players.

Rathcoole Boys FC is a Football Club operating on a Community scale, providing sporting activities and opportunities for children and young people through participation in the club. Rathcoole Boys Football Club offers sporting activities to children and young people from the age of 5 years. We have over 60 volunteers and over 300 participants. We are committed to safeguarding children and by working under the guidance of our Safeguarding Policies and Procedures, our staff, volunteers and committees working with our children and young people, throughout the Club, seek to create a safe and fun environment for children and young people to participate in their sport.

Principles to Safeguard Children from Harm

This statement recognises that in accordance with legislation and the requirements of Child Welfare Act 2015, The Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children (2017), and our Safeguarding policy, other Club policies and procedures that the welfare and interests of children are paramount in all circumstances.

Rathcoole Boys Football Club is established on a number of core principles:

The Needs of the Child.
Integrity and Respect.
Environment, Equality.
Fair Play.
Welfare and Safety in Football.

These underlying principles underpin our rules, policies and procedures to ensure that when Children participating in our activities, they do so, as far as is practicable, in a safe and enjoyable environment.

Risk Assessment

In preparing this statement Rathcoole Boys Football Club has completed a Risk Assessment of the potential risk of harm to children when they are participating in any of our games and attending our activities. The risks were reviewed under the following headings:

Club and Coaching Practices:

Complaints & Discipline:

Reporting Procedures:

Use of Facilities:

Recruitment of Volunteers:

Communications;

and General Risk of Harm.

Child Abuse (Physical, Mental, Sexual and On-Line)

The Risk Assessment was undertaken on 02/02/2020.

The table below lists the area of Risk/s identified and the list of procedures and policies for managing these risks

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Risk Identified	Procedures/Policies in place	QR Code shortcut
<p>Risk of harm including assault, ill treatment or neglect of a child in a manner that seriously affects or is likely to seriously affect the child's health, development or welfare or sexual abuse of a child/children</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RBFC Child Welfare and Safeguarding policy • RBFC Concern-Complaint policy • RBFC Rulebook • Safeguarding training • (<i>Garda Vetting Policy Procedures or code of Conducts</i>) • <i>Child Welfare Policy</i> • <i>Managers/Coaches Policy/SOP</i> • <i>Reporting Policies</i> • <i>Garda Vetting</i> • <i>Child Welfare Certification</i> • Volunteer Recruitment Policy • Volunteer Application Form 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. C W & S P 2. C/C P 3. R B 4. S & T P 5. V P 6. CWP/CWO P 7. C SOP 8. R 9. SMP 10. ABP 11. SMP 12. M-CP 13. On L B P 14. Z T P 15. CWC 16. VRP 17. VAF
<p>Risk of harm of abuse when hosting an activity and or an away trip. Risk of Harm/abuse on Club Grounds</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RBFC Child Welfare and Safeguarding policy • RBFC Concern-Complaint policy • Safeguarding training • <i>All other club Policies & Procedures</i> 	
<p>Risk of harm of online abuse through social media</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RBFC Child Welfare and Safeguarding policy • RBFC Social Media policy • <i>Misconduct Policy</i> • <i>Reporting Policies</i> 	

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<p>Bullying of a child, verbal, physical. On-Line Bullying. Side - Line Bullying.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RBFC Child Welfare and Safeguarding policy • RBFC Concern-Complaint policy • RBFC Social Media policy • <i>Anti-Bullying Policy</i> 	
<p>Rathcoole Boys Football Club Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, The Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children (2017), and Tusla’s Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice).</p>	<p>Rathcoole Boys Football Club has the following procedures in place as part of our Safeguarding Policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procedures for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct by staff or volunteers against a child availing of our activities; • Procedures for the safe recruitment and selection of staff and volunteers to work with children in our activities; • Procedures for provision of and access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm; • Procedures for reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Statutory Authorities; • Procedures for maintaining a list of the persons in the relevant service who are mandated; • Procedure for appointing a relevant person. 	
<p>The Designated Person for Rathcoole Boys Football Club is Dave Hennessy (Chairman) and the Deputy Designated Person is <i>John Bailey</i>.</p>		
<p>Contact details for the aforementioned is available on our website or on notices throughout the club. A List of our Child Welfare Officers is available on our website. social media platforms and posted throughout the club.</p>		

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Rathcoole Boys Football Club recognises that implementation is an ongoing process. Our Club is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the accompanying child welfare and safeguarding policies and procedures that support our intentions to keep children safe from harm while participating in our activities. This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on *the 2nd anniversary - 24 months* from date of issue, or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

This statement has been published on the Rathcoole Boys FC website; www.rathcooleboysfootballclub.com, our Social Media Platforms and displayed in a prominent place on our premises.

It will be provided to all staff, volunteers and any/all other person/s involved with the Club. It is readily accessible to parents and guardians on request. A copy of this Statement will be made available to Tusla and members of the public if requested.

All procedures/policies listed are available on request.

RBFC Policies and the RBFC Rulebook are available on www.rathcooleboysfootballclub.com

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Signed: *Dave Hennessy*. Chairman, DLP

Date: 20/02/2020.

Signed: *John Bailey*. DDLP.

Date: 20/02/2020.

Signed: *Lynn Moran* CWO

Date: 20/02/2020.

Signed: *Edel Beckett* CWO.

Date: 20/02/2020.

(On behalf of Rathcoole Boys Football Club)

For further information on this Child Safeguarding Statement, please contact the relevant *person/s*

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Please Note:

The Risks identified in this statement is non-exhaustive.

The list of Club Policies and Procedures and all content therein is non-exhaustive.

It is Incumbent on every Manager, Coach, Volunteer, Committee Member, Parent, Referee, and or any person/s connected either directly or indirectly with the Club to be fully aware and comply with of all of our club policies and procedures.

Rathcoole Boys Football Club Operates and Enforces a ZERO Tolerance Policy: