

Muin After School
Child Safeguarding statement

1. **Name of service being provided:** After School Care

Company Name: Muin Education Ltd, Muin After School, Brockelsby Street, Blackpool, Cork.

Service Name: Muin After School

2. **Nature of service and principals to safeguard children from harm**

Muin after school and all its services is committed to safeguarding the children in our care and to providing a safe environment in which they can play, learn and develop. We are committed to child centered practice in all our work with children and full compliance with Children First and Our Duty to Care. We recognise the right of children to be protected from harm, treated with respect, listened to and have their views taken into consideration in matters that affect them. Management, staff, volunteers and students in Muin After School will endeavour to safeguard children by:

- a. Having procedures to recognise, respond to and report concerns about children's protection welfare
- b. Having a confidentiality policy
- c. Having a code of behaviour for management, employees, students and volunteers.
- d. Having a safe recruitment procedure
- e. Having procedures for managing/supervising employees, students and volunteers.
- f. Having a procedure to respond to accidents and incidents
- g. Having a procedure to respond to complaints
- h. Having a procedure to respond to allegations of abuse and neglect against staff members.

As part of the policy, we have

- a. Appointed a Designated Liaison Person (DLP) responsible for managing coordinating all child protection concerns
- b. Appointed a Child Safeguarding Officer (CSO) responsible for safeguarding of children on site management of child protection concerns
- c. Ensure that DLP's and CSO's undertake additional training to their role in child protection and the level of responsibility that they hold in relation to the same
- d. Provide induction training on the Child Protection and Welfare Policy to all staff, volunteers, students, owners and directors
- e. Ensure that non-designated staff attend child protection training
- f. Provide supervision and support for staff and volunteers in contact with children
- g. Share information about the Child Protection and Welfare Policy with families and children
- h. This policy will be shared with parents on enrolment with Muin After School
- i. This policy will be reviewed each time an incident is reported or every 2 years if that is sooner this will be done by the CLPC and Muin After School
- j. Work and cooperate with the relevant statutory agencies as required.

Designated Liaison Person:

Kate Gaffney
087-7933505

Child Safeguarding Officer:

Donna O Keeney
087-3571880

3. Risk Assessment

In accordance with the Children First 2015 Act, we have carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while availing of our services. Below is a list of the area of risks

identified and a list of procedures for managing these risks. Safety measures were put in place to lower risk as much as possible.

Risks Identified	Policies and Procedures in place to manage risks
Ensuring Door is locked morning and home time, once all children are welcomed in and once they leave the building	Designated person to lock the door in the morning, staff will check the door through the day to ensure correct measures are taken in health, safety and wellbeing of all the children are adhered to, see policy on dropping and collecting of all children Medium Risk
Harmful behaviour including assault, ill treatment or neglect of any child within the setting, sexual abuse and or any which is likely to affect the child's health and development, no matter if its caused by one single act.	We have a policy regarding staff behaviour, we highlight unacceptable behaviour in our policy and ensure staff comply with this policy, see policy managing behaviour for further details Low Risk
Incidents, accidents, where a child may have got injured due to accidental fall or unusual circumstances	We would notify the parent/guardian/carers, we would fill in an accident report form and it will be signed by parents/guardian/carer but the incident will be highlighted to all staff, where these incidents can be prevented staff will be aware and try to ensure this doesn't happen again Medium Risk
Complaints, against staff members	We take all complaints on board and have regular meetings with staff to better performance, see complaint policy below for further details Low Risk
Cleaning Products/Electrical Appliances	Cleaning products are always locked away or out of children's reach. Our electrical appliances are not at child's level, plugs sockets all hidden away, other sockets low to child's level all have socket protectors and this is checked every day to ensure all children's safety, We also have baby proofing on all cupboards that are at child's level to ensure safety Low Risk
Attendance, Roll Book	Every morning all the children attending the setting on the day are marked in and any child who is absent is highlighted in the roll book as being out of school this particular day. We do a head count every day, especially when there's fire drills or outdoor activity see Fire Safety Policy High Risk
Bathroom Breaks	Bathroom breaks are supervised, in the event of a child needing to use the bathroom outside of designated bathroom breaks this is allowed and the teacher can open the door for children to walk to the bathroom unsupervised but teacher is on hand if the child may need help Medium Risk

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. Our service is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the accompanying child safeguarding policies and procedures that support our intention to keep children safe from harm while availing of our services. This Statement will be reviewed on _____ 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 service website and is displayed in a prominent place on the premises. It has been provided to all staff, volunteers and any other persons involved with the service. It is readily accessible to parents and guardians upon request. A copy of this Statement will be made available to Tusla and members of the public if requested