

## SVP CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

### St. Benedict's Youth Club



SVP provides educational and recreational activities and services to children under 18 years of age nationally through our network of Regions and local Conferences.

SVP is committed to safeguarding children by working under the guidance of our national safeguarding policies and procedures. Our members, non-member volunteers and staff are committed to creating a safe environment for children and young people to grow and develop.

Each SVP Children's Activity or Service will conduct a specific written risk assessment and child safeguarding statement in line with Children First Act 2015, Protection for Persons Reporting Child Abuse Act 1998, NVB Act 2012 and 2016, Children First Guidance 2017 and Tusla Guidance on Developing a Child Safeguarding Statement.

<b>Region:</b>	East Region
<b>Service:</b>	St. Benedict's Youth Club
<b>Location:</b>	18 Nicholas Street, Christchurch, Dublin 8.
<b>Relevant Person:</b>	Sinéad Croke – <a href="mailto:stbenedicts.youthclub@svp.ie">stbenedicts.youthclub@svp.ie</a> - 01-4540747
<b>Service description:</b>	St. Benedict's Youth Club provides recreational activities for children in the local community. The club offers a variety of activities each week and also bring the children away for day trips (e.g.: Emerald Park, Cinema) and overnight trips (e.g.: Oakwood House).

The written risk assessment indicates the areas of potential harm, the likelihood of harm occurring, and lists the required policy, guidance, process and practice required to alleviate the risks.

Risks are identified in the following categories:

RISK	LIKELIHOOD	POLICIES TO CONTROL RISK
<b>Risk of Harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) of a child by a member of staff/volunteer/peer.</b>	Low/Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups (Section 3 Safe Recruitment &amp; Selection, Section 4 Safeguarding Training, Section 5 Safe Management of Activities, Section 6 Safe Management of Employees &amp; Volunteers).</li> <li>- SVP Policy on Recognising and Reporting Welfare &amp; Protection Concerns About Children or Adults Who May Be Vulnerable.</li> <li>- SVP Volunteer Policy including recruitment, training, and support &amp; supervision.</li> <li>- Volunteer Agreements</li> <li>- Volunteer Handbook</li> <li>- Code of Conduct &amp; Code of Behaviour</li> <li>- Anti Bullying Policy</li> <li>- Complaints Policy</li> <li>- Parents Handbook</li> <li>- Intimate Care Policy</li> <li>- Registration Policy</li> </ul>

<b>Risk of Harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) of a child by a visitor to the service.</b>	Low/Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups (Section 6 Safe Management of Employees &amp; Volunteers).</li> <li>- SVP Volunteer Policy including recruitment, training, and support &amp; supervision.</li> <li>- Volunteer Agreements</li> <li>- Volunteer Handbook</li> <li>- Code of Conduct</li> <li>- Visitors Policy</li> <li>- Parent Handbook</li> </ul>
<b>Risk of Harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) of a child on outings by a member of staff/volunteer/stranger/peer.</b>	Low/Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups (Section 5 Safe Management of Activities, and Section 6 Safe Management of Employees &amp; Volunteers).</li> <li>- SVP Policy on Recognising &amp; Reporting Welfare &amp; Protection Concerns About Children or Adults Who May Be Vulnerable.</li> <li>- Volunteer Handbook</li> <li>- Code of Conduct</li> <li>- Visitors Policy</li> <li>- Parent Handbook</li> <li>- Risk Assessment for Trips and outings</li> <li>- Critical Incident Policy</li> </ul>
<b>Risk of Harm of bullying of a child by a member of staff/volunteer/peer.</b>	Low/Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups (Section 5 Safe Management of Activities, Section 6 Safe Management of Employees &amp; Volunteers, Section 7.4 Anti-Bullying).</li> <li>- Anti Bullying Policy</li> <li>- Code of conduct</li> <li>- Parents handbook</li> <li>- Volunteers handbook</li> <li>- Behaviour Management Policy</li> </ul>
<b>Risk of Harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) of a child from unauthorised photography.</b>	Low/Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups (Section 5 Safe Management of Activities, and Section 6 Safe Management of Employees &amp; Volunteers).</li> <li>- Photos and Videos Policy</li> <li>- Parents handbook</li> <li>- Volunteer handbook</li> <li>- Code of conduct</li> </ul>
<b>Risk of Harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) of a child from online abuse through social media or</b>	Low/Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups (Section 4 Safeguarding Training, Section 5 Safe Management of Activities, and Section 6 Safe Management of Employees &amp;</li> </ul>

internet access.		Volunteers). - Phone Policy - Parents handbook - Volunteer handbook - Code of conduct - Volunteer Policy - Training
Reporting Concerns	Low/Medium	- SVP Policy on Recognising & Reporting Welfare & Protection Concerns About Children or Adults Who May Be Vulnerable. - SVP Policy on Working Safely with Vulnerable Groups (Section 2 Key Roles & Responsibilities and Section 4 Safeguarding Training). - Volunteer Policy – Training - Volunteer Handbook - Parents Handbook - DLP FAQ Sheet

In addition to this activity’s risk assessment the following procedures are in place throughout SVP as part of our safeguarding policies and procedures:

- Procedures for managing allegations of abuse or misconduct by volunteers or employees against a child availing of our services.
- Procedures for the safe recruitment of volunteers or employees to work with children in our services.
- Procedures to access child safeguarding training, including the identification and reporting of harm.
- Procedures for reporting child protection and welfare concerns to Statutory Authorities.
- Procedure for maintaining a list of persons in the relevant services who are mandated persons.
- Procedures for appointing a relevant person for the purposes of the Statement.

SVP and St. Benedict’s Youth Club recognise that implementation is an ongoing process, and we are committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the procedures that support our intention to keep children safe from harm.

The Relevant Person for this Child Safeguarding Statement is: **Sinéad Croke**

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed by: **5<sup>th</sup> of March 2027**