



Child Safeguarding Statement

Father Mathews Basketball Club provides the opportunity for members to participate in the game of basketball whilst promoting an environment of fair play and enjoyment. This includes coaching, training, management of teams, entry into competitions and social events.

Father Mathews Basketball Club is committed to safeguarding children and by working under the guidance of **Basketball Ireland** and **Sport Ireland** Safeguarding Policies our volunteers, working with our young people, throughout the organisation, seek to create a safe environment for young people to grow and develop.

Father Mathews Basketball Club's written Risk Assessment document indicates the areas of potential risk of harm, the likelihood of the risk occurring, and identifies the relevant policy, guidance or process documents required to alleviate these risks. The list of risks identified are contained in the following categories: Club and Coaching Practices; Complaints & Discipline; Reporting Procedures; Use of Facilities; Recruitment; Communications; and General Risk of Harm.

The Risk Assessment was undertaken during **May 2018**

Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, (the Children First: National Guidance, and An Tusla's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice).

In addition to our Risk Assessment document described above, there are further procedures that support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our activities.

Father Mathews Basketball Club has the following procedures in place as part of our Safeguarding Policies:

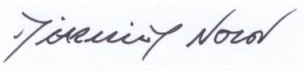
- Procedures for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct by volunteers against a child availing of our activities
- Procedures for the safe recruitment of volunteers to work with children in our activities
- Procedures for access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm
- Procedure for reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Statutory Authorities

The Child Welfare Officer and Designated Liaison Person for **Father Mathews Basketball Club** is **Janine Bevan** (janine@railway-cottage.com). Janine works through the Club Executive

Committee, and with the assistance of the committee and the Child Protection Administrator, Antoinette Gibbons.

Father Mathews Basketball Club recognises that implementation is an ongoing process. The Club Executive Committee is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and procedures that support our intention to keep children safe from harm while availing of our activities.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on *May 1st, 2020*.

Signed: 

Date: 30th June 2018

(On behalf of **Father Mathews Basketball Club**)

Name: Diarmuid Nolan

Position; Chairman

For queries on this Child Safeguarding Statement, please contact *Janine Bevan - Child Welfare Officer for Father Mathews Basketball Club* via email on janine@railway-cottage.com i.e. 'Relevant Person' under the Children First Act 2015.

