

# **Cabinteely FC Child Safeguarding Statement**

**Cabinteely FC, in accordance with the FAI Rulebook, FAI Child Welfare and Safeguarding policy, other FAI policies, procedures and our legislative requirements have agreed this Child Safeguarding Statement which is binding on all members.**

Cabinteely FC is a football club operating on a regional scale, providing sporting activities and opportunities for children and young people through participation in clubs. The Club offers sporting activities to children and young people from the age of three. The club recruits over 60 volunteers, with more than 700 participants.

Cabinteely FC is committed to safeguarding children. By working under the guidance of our Safeguarding Policies and procedures, our staff, both volunteers and employees, work with children and young people throughout the club, seeking 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 FAI Rulebook, FAI Child Welfare and Safeguarding policy, other FAI policies and procedures, the welfare and interests of children are paramount in all circumstances.

Cabinteely FC is established on several 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 participate in our activities, they do so, as far as is practicable, in a safe and enjoyable environment.

## **Risk Assessment**

In preparing this statement, the Club have 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; Communications; and General Risk of Harm. The Risk Assessment was undertaken on 01 June 2026. The table below lists the areas of risk identified and the list of procedures and policies for managing these risks.

| Risk Identified                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Procedures/Policies in place                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Website                                                                                                              |
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| <b>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.</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FAI Child Welfare and Safeguarding policy</li> <li>• FAI Concern-Complaint policy</li> <li>• FAI Rulebook</li> <li>• Safeguarding training</li> <li>• Cabinteely FC code of conduct</li> </ul> | 1. FAI Child Welfare & Safeguarding Policy<br><a href="http://www.fai.ie/safeguarding/">www.fai.ie/safeguarding/</a> |
| <b>Risk of harm or abuse when hosting an activity and or an away trip</b>                                                                                                                                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FAI Child Welfare and Safeguarding policy</li> <li>• FAI Concern-Complaint policy</li> <li>• Safeguarding training</li> <li>• Cabinteely FC travel guidelines</li> </ul>                       | 2. FAI Concern-Complaint Policy<br><a href="http://www.fai.ie/safeguarding/">www.fai.ie/safeguarding/</a>            |
| <b>Risk of harm from online abuse through social media</b>                                                                                                                                                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FAI Child Welfare and Safeguarding policy</li> <li>• FAI Social Media policy</li> <li>• Cabinteely FC social media &amp; Club communications policy</li> </ul>                                 | 3. FAI Social Media Policy<br><a href="http://www.fai.ie/safeguarding/">www.fai.ie/safeguarding/</a>                 |
| <b>Bullying of a child</b>                                                                                                                                                                                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FAI Child Welfare and Safeguarding policy</li> <li>• FAI Concern-Complaint policy</li> <li>• FAI Social Media policy</li> <li>• Cabinteely FC code of conduct</li> </ul>                       | 4. FAI Rulebook<br><a href="http://www.fai.ie/safeguarding/">www.fai.ie/safeguarding/</a>                            |

The Cabinteely FC 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).

**Cabinteely FC has the following procedures in place as part of our Safeguarding Policies:**

- 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;
- Procedure 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.

Copies of Cabinteely FC safeguarding policies and procedures are available on request from the Club Welfare Officer or Club Secretary.

FAI Policies and the FAI Rulebook are available on [www.fai.ie/domestic](http://www.fai.ie/domestic)

**The Mandated person for Cabinteely FC is Kirsten Pakes of the FAI and the Designated Liaison person for the club is Dara Carroll.**