

Scoil Cheoil an Earraigh
Child Safeguarding Statement
Scoil Cheoil an Earraigh, Baile an Fheirtéaraigh, Trá Lí, Co. Chiarraí

Name of service being provided:

Scoil Cheoil an Earraigh is a music school, providing classes and music workshops for children, young people and adults.

In accordance with the requirements of the [Children First Act 2015](#), [Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017](#), [the Addendum to Children First \(2019\)](#), and [Tusla Guidance on the preparation of Child Safeguarding Statements](#), Scoil Cheoil an Earraigh has agreed the Child Safeguarding Statement set out in this document.

The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is Niamh Ní Bhaoill scoilcheoilciarrai@gmail.com

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The Relevant Person is Ciara de Mórdha riarachanscae@gmail.com

Nature of service and principles to safeguard children from harm

Scoil Cheoil an Earraigh(SCAE) recognises that child protection and welfare considerations permeate all aspects of life and must be reflected in all of the policies, procedures, practices and activities. SCAE will adhere to the following principles of best practice in child protection and welfare.

SCAE will:

- recognise that the protection and welfare of children is of paramount importance, regardless of all other considerations;
- fully comply with its statutory obligations under the Children First Act 2015 and other relevant legislation relating to the protection and welfare of children;
- fully co-operate with the relevant statutory authorities in relation to child protection and welfare matters;
- adopt safe practices to minimise the possibility of harm or accidents happening to children and protect workers from the necessity to take unnecessary risks that may leave themselves open to accusations of abuse or neglect;
- fully respect confidentiality requirements in dealing with child protection matters.

Risk assessment

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 areas of risk identified and the list of procedures for managing these risks.

Risk Identified	Procedure in place to manage risk identified
Risk of harm from staff	All adults dealing directly with children are fully Garda Vetted. Teachers will not deal with children in 1:1 setting. Child protection policy will be available publicly.
Risk of harm from photography and videography	Parents will declare their agreement to photographs and videos to be taken by Scoil Cheoil an Earraigh official photographers during the booking process Use of video recording and photographs are prohibited during classes.
Risk of harm from other attendees of Scoil Cheoil an Earraigh	Parents are made aware of the class times and when supervision is provided. Classes are held in a mixed age group setting, children are not left alone with adults.
Risk of harm from unsupervised break times	Parents are made aware that children are unsupervised by vetted personnel Scoil Cheoil an Earraigh for the duration of break time.

Procedures/Measures:

The following procedures/measures are in place:

- In relation to the procedures for the **management of allegations of abuse or misconduct against workers/volunteers of a child availing of our services** Scoil Cheoil an Earraigh will adhere to Children First Act 2015 and Tusla guidelines.

- In relation to the **selection or recruitment of staff and their suitability to work with children**, SCAE adheres to the statutory vetting requirements of the [National Vetting Bureau \(Children and Vulnerable Persons\) Acts 2012 to 2016](#) and to the wider duty of care guidance set out in relevant Garda vetting and recruitment circulars.
- In relation to the **provision of information and, where necessary, instruction and training, to staff in respect of the identification of the occurrence of harm** Scoil Cheoil an Earraigh- provides each member of staff/teacher with a copy of the SCAE's Child Safeguarding Statement on an annual basis and encourages staff to avail of relevant training and provides information on such prior to the start of SCAE.
- In relation to **reporting of child protection concerns to Tusla**, all relevant personnel are required to adhere to the procedures set out in relation to mandated reporting under the Children First Act 2015.
- In relation to **procedures for maintaining a list of the persons in the relevant service who are mandated persons**; The mandated persons are listed in our Safeguarding documents and staff are made aware of them.
- **In relation to the procedures for appointing a relevant person**; the relevant person is appointed from the organisers of Scoil Cheoil an Earraigh.

Implementation:

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. Our service is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the procedures that support our intention to keep children safe from harm while availing of our service. This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed in January 2026 , or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

Signed: _____

Organiser Scoil Cheoil an Earraigh

Date: 04/02/2025

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