

## **CHILD PROTECTION**

## **POLICY STATEMENT**

### **ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH, COOLOCK**

We in the Parish of St Brendan, welcome, value and encourage the participation of children and young people in all diocesan and parish activities that encourage their spiritual, emotional, physical and social development.

The parish recognises the dignity and rights of all children, we will endeavour to do all in our power to create safe environments for children and young people in order to secure their protection and enable their full participation in the life of the Church

The parish recognises that all involved in working with children have a special duty of care towards them and has committed itself to putting procedures in place through which this care is put into effect.

*Parish of St. Brendan's,  
Coolock,  
Dublin 5.*

**Child Protection Policy and Procedures  
for people working within the Parish.**

To ensure adequate care and respect for the dignity of each child under our care in St. Brendan's Parish we recommend:

- All adults engaged with activities involving children in our parish will be vetted and sign approval appropriate forms.
- In future a parent or guardian will sign consent forms for their child taking part in any church activities. A consent form from both parents and/care will be sought.
- There will be adequate supervision (male and female) for such church activities at all times.
- There will be all necessary precautions taken to ensure that the recommended adult/child ratio will be adhered to whilst children are engaged in Church activities.
- A child will not travel alone in cars etc. with any one adult.
- Proper procedure will be adhered to, to ensure proper records will be kept on file of all activities and participants, times, and supervisors on duty for all future events.
- Incident report sheets will be filed where warranted.
- Mobile phone numbers of parents /guardians will be expected to be available to the supervising persons at all times.
- Supervisor's mobiles will also be made available to parents for such activities.
- Use of camera phones will not be permitted in church based activities.
- Permission for photography will be sought and records of same kept where this permission is granted.
- Use of Computers or Videos will also be disallowed unless express permission is sought on the relevant forms.
- St .Brendan's Parish has designated persons accountable to, and trained for the Dublin Arch Diocese in relation to Child protection procedures and will refer any concerns raised promptly with appropriate civil and Diocesan authorities.
- Clear procedures will be followed when taking young people away on day trips or retreats, pilgrimages etc.
- A form will be available for such outings and medical information including name of family doctor or clinic will be necessary before embarking on any such outing.
- Recommendations or Omissions to this statement will be welcomed.

# ARCHDIOCESE OF DUBLIN DIOCESAN CHILD PROTECTION

The Archdiocese of Dublin is committed to good practice in the Church's ministry with children and young people.

The Delegate, appointed by the Archbishop, who can be contacted with regard to any concerns relating to the welfare of children and young people is:

Mr. Andrew Fagan Director CPS. (01) 884 2590

For General Information, contact:

Ms. Geraldine Tierney, Administration

Ms. Aileen Byrne, Administration (01) 836 0314

Support is also available by writing to

Child Protective Services  
Diocesan Offices,  
Archbishops House,  
Drumcondra,  
Dublin 9.

The St. Brendan's Parish, Coolock Delegate is:

***Anne Rogers (086 821 9619)***

She has ready access to contact details for Child Protection Personnel. Any concerns related to the welfare of children and young people involved in Parish based activities should be referred to her.

## **Complaints Process**

### **List of useful telephone numbers.**

#### **Archdiocese of Dublin**

Designated person Child Protection Service	Andrew Fagan	01 836 0314
Training and Development Coordinator	Fr Paddy Boyle	086 101 1415

#### **An Garda Síochána**

Contact your local Garda station.  
See a list of Garda Stations on the Garda website [Garda Stations](#)

#### **Health Service Executive (HSE)**

Contact your local Community Care Area	For information call	1850 24 1850
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#### **National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland**

Director	
Mr Ian Elliott	01 505 3018

#### **Faoiseamh Helpline**

From the Republic of Ireland	1800 33 1234
From Northern Ireland	0800 973 272

<b>One in Four</b>	01 662 4070
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#### **The Samaritans**

Samaritans provides confidential non-judgemental emotional support, 24 hours a day for people who are experiencing feelings of distress or despair.	1850 60 9090
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#### **Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (ISPCC)**

29 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2	01 676 7960
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#### **Childline**

provides a 24 hour listening service for all children up to the age of 18.	1800 66 66 66
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#### **Catholic Youth Care**

Arran Quay, Dublin 7	01 872 5055
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#### **National Youth Council of Ireland**

3 Montague Street, Dublin 2	01 478 4122
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#### **National Youth Federation**

20 Lower Dominic Street, Dublin 1	01 872 9933
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