



Society of St. Vincent de Paul



**Croí na Gaillimhe**  
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## **SVP CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT**

### **CROI NA GAILLIMHE HOMEWORK 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.

Croi na Gaillimhe has conducted 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.

#### **WEST REGION**

**CROI NA GAILLIMHE HOMEWORK CLUB**, 1, Mill Street, Galway  
(Based in the Eglinton Direct Provision Centre, Salthill, Galway)

#### **CABRINI MC DAID**

**HOMEWORK CLUB** for primary and secondary school going children living in the Eglinton Hostel, a direct provision centre for asylum seekers located in Salthill, Galway. The project has two part-time staff, a Homework Club Coordinator and a Homework Club Assistant. A large number of volunteers support the project, supervising homework groups and providing one-to-one homework support to children who need it. We also encourage parents to get involved in the homework club by either volunteering or taking part in the parent participation project. The parent participation project involves parent, children, staff and volunteers all working together on informal educational activities.

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:

- Conduct of Volunteers and employees
- General risk of Harm
- Reporting procedures
- Technology and social media
- Inadequate preparation for trips or outings

RISK	LIKELIHOOD	POLICIES TO CONTROL RISK
Conduct of Volunteers and Employees:	Low	Recruitment and Selection procedures and policies followed for Staff and Volunteers.
General Risk of Harm:	Low	Outings policy, safety statement, Supervision, Parent role and responsibilities, Homework Club Rules, Code of Conduct
Reporting Procedures:	Medium	Child First Training, Induction, Information Handbooks, Supervision, Code of Conduct  Complaints policy, DLP displayed, Information handbook
Technology and Social Media:	Medium	Policy on technology and social media. Consent form for the use of photographs or videos
Inadequate preparation for trips/outings:	Low	Checklist for all the day trips/excursions. – Child an vulnerable Adult policy – guidance for day trips

In addition to this activity 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.

SVP Croi na Gaillimhe – Homework Club recognises that implementation is an ongoing process – 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:

Cabrini Mc Daid

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed on:

10<sup>th</sup> March 2020