



DRUMOGHILL FOOTBALL CLUB

Understanding of the FAI Child Welfare & Safeguarding Policy

Club Policy Document

Adopted by Drumoghill FC

Aligned with: Children First Act 2015 & FAI Safeguarding Framework

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## **1. Purpose of this Document**

This document sets out Drumoghill FC's understanding of the FAI Child Welfare and Safeguarding Policy and how it applies within our club. It demonstrates our commitment to creating a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment for all children and young people.

## **2. Core Principles**

### **2.1 Child Safety Comes First**

The safety, welfare, and wellbeing of every child must always take priority over performance, competition, or results.

### **2.2 Shared Responsibility**

All adults involved in Drumoghill FC – including coaches, volunteers, officials, parents, and spectators – share responsibility for protecting children.

### **2.3 Equality and Respect**

Every child must be treated fairly and protected from discrimination, neglect, or any form of physical, emotional, or sexual harm.

## **3. Key Safeguarding Measures**

- Garda Vetting for all relevant adults
- Mandatory safeguarding training for coaches and volunteers
- Clear Codes of Conduct for players, parents, and coaches
- A Child Safeguarding Statement and written Risk Assessment in line with the Children First Act 2015

## **4. Reporting Concerns**

Any concerns regarding a child's welfare must be reported promptly to the club's Children's Officer or Designated Liaison Person. Serious concerns will be referred to Tusla or An Garda Síochána where required.

## **5. Roles within Drumoghill FC**

- Children's Officer – promotes child welfare within the club
- Designated Liaison Person – handles safeguarding concerns and referrals
- Club Committee – ensures compliance with FAI and legal safeguarding requirements

## **6. Review and Adoption**

This document will be reviewed annually by the Drumoghill FC Committee and updated as required to reflect changes in legislation or FAI policy.