

# Child Safeguarding Statement

## 1. Name of service being provided:

Chinese Gospel Church of Dublin

## 2. Nature of Service and principles to safeguard children from harm:

Chinese Gospel Church Dublin is an inter-denominational and mission orientated church that provides the following activities to children:

- Language School at Esker House and Abbey Street
- Kids Sunday School
- WOW for secondary school children
- Kidnetics for kids between 6-9 years old
- Nursery for pre-school age children
- Children's dance classes

We believe that:

- Our priority to ensure the welfare and safety of every child who attends our organisation is paramount.
- Our guiding principles and procedures to safeguard children reflect national policy and legislation laid out in the Children First Act 2015, Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children and Tusla's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice.
- Our guiding principles and child safeguarding procedures should be reviewed every two years or sooner if necessary due to organisational issues or changes in legislation or national policy.
- All children have an equal right to attend an organisation that respects them as individuals and encourages them to reach their potential, regardless of their background.
- We are committed to upholding the rights of every child who attends our organisation, including the rights to be kept safe and protected from harm, listened to and heard.
- Our guiding principles apply to everyone in the organisation including Board Elders, Pastors, staff and leaders.
- Staff and leaders must conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of our organisation.
- We are committed to ensuring people's rights to confidentiality.

## 3. 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 risks identified and the list of procedures for managing these risks.

	Risk Identified	Procedure in place to manage risk identified
1	Risk of harm not being recognised by leaders	Recognising Abuse procedures, Child Safeguarding Training strategy, provision of Child Safeguarding Policy to all leaders and staff
2	Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by leaders	Reporting Procedures, Child Safeguarding Training Strategy, provision of Child Safeguarding Policy to all leaders and staff
3	Risk of child being harmed in the church activities by a leader	Recruitment procedures, Code of behaviour for leaders and staff, disciplinary procedures, Child Safeguarding Training Strategy
4	Risk of child being harmed in the church activities by another child	Supervision procedures, Code of Behaviour for leaders and staff, Disciplinary procedures
5	Risk of child being harmed in the church activities by visitor to the church or other adult on the premises	Supervision procedures, safety practices
6	Risk of child being harmed by a leader, a member of staff of another organisation or other person while child participating in out of church activities e.g. outing, trip	Safety practices, Risk Assessment, supervision procedures
7	Risk of harm due to bullying of	Code of Behaviour for Children, Disciplinary procedures,

	child	Anti-bullying policy
8	Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children	Supervision procedures, Child Safeguarding Training strategy
9	Risk of harm due to inappropriate relationship/communications between child and another child or adult	Recruitment procedures, Child Safeguarding Training strategy, Technology policy
10	Risk of harm due to children inappropriately accessing/using computers, social media, phones and other devices while at church activities	Code of Behaviour for Children, Disciplinary procedures, Technology policy
11	Risk of harm to child while a child is receiving intimate care	Safety practices, Child Safeguarding training strategy
12	Risk of harm due to inadequate code of behaviour	Code of Behaviour for staff and leaders, Code of Behaviour for Children, training of leaders, disciplinary procedures
13	Risk of harm in one-to-one teaching, counselling, coaching situation	Safety practices for one-to-one teaching, counselling, coaching situation
14	Risk of harm caused by leaders accessing / circulating inappropriate material via social media, texting, digital device or other manner	Recruitment procedures, Child Safeguarding training strategy, Code of Behaviour for staff and leaders, disciplinary procedures, Technology policy

#### 4. Procedures

Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, the Children First: National Guidance, and Tusla's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice. In addition to the procedures listed in our risk assessment, the following procedures support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our service:

- Procedure for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct against workers/volunteers of a child availing of our service
- Procedures for the safe recruitment and selection of workers and volunteers to work with children
- Procedure for provision of and access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm
- Procedure for the reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Tusla
- Procedure for maintaining a list of the persons (if any) in the relevant service who are mandated persons
- Procedure for appointing a relevant person.

All procedures listed are available on request.

#### 5. 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 on **insert date of adoption**, or as soon as practicable after there has been any material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

On Behalf of the Governing Body  
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