



DUNDALK FOOTBALL CLUB

## Child Safeguarding Statement

Dundalk Football Club in accordance with the FAI Rulebook, FAI Child Welfare and Safeguarding policy, other FAI policies, procedures and our legislative requirements have agreed this Child Safeguarding Statement which is binding on all members.

Dundalk Football Club is a football club operating on a regional scale providing sporting activities and opportunities for children and young people through participation in clubs. The club offers sporting activities to children and young people from the age of six. Dundalk Football Club recruits over 60 staff and over 50 volunteers with over 900 participants.

Dundalk Football Club is committed to safeguarding children and by working under the guidance of our Safeguarding Policies and procedures, our staff, both volunteers and employed working with our children and young people, throughout the Association, seek to create a safe and fun environment for children and young people to participate in their sport.

### Principles to Safeguard Children from Harm

This statement recognises that in accordance with legislation and the requirements of FAI Rulebook, FAI Child Welfare and Safeguarding policy, other FAI policies and procedures that the welfare and interests of children are paramount in all circumstances. Dundalk Football Club is established on a number of core principles:

- the needs of the Child, integrity and respect, environment, equality, fair play, welfare and safety in football. These underlying principles underpin our rules, policies and procedures to ensure that when children participating in our activities, they do so, as far as is practicable, in a safe and enjoyable environment.

### Risk Assessment

In preparing this statement Dundalk Football Club have completed a Risk Assessment of the potential risk of harm to children when they are participating in any of our games and attending our activities. The risks were reviewed under the following headings; Club and Coaching Practices; Complaints & Discipline; Reporting Procedures; Use of Facilities; Recruitment; Communications; and General Risk of Harm.

The Risk Assessment was undertaken on 13th January 2022.

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 our Risk Assessment document described above, there are further procedures that support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our activities.



ORIEL PARK, CARRICKMACROSS RD, DUNDALK, CO.LOUTH

T: 042 933 5894 F: 042 933 0003 W: DUNDALKFC.COM E: OFFICE@DUNDALKFC.COM