

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY STATEMENT

We in the Parish of St Thomas the Apostle, Laurel Lodge value and encourage the participation of children and young people in all parish activities that enhance their spiritual, physical, emotional and social development.

We recognise the dignity and rights of all children and are committed to ensuring their protection and support.

In keeping with this we will work 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.



CORE PROCEDURES FOR WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Our Parish undertakes to have the following in place:

Procedures for recruitment of adult leaders working with young people.

A general Code of Conduct for all adult leaders.

A Code of Behaviour, for children and young people, to deal with any disciplinary issues arising during group activities.

Specific Guidelines for all away trips including pilgrimages, day trips and incentive events.

These will be made known to the young people, leaders and parents/guardians by means of Information sessions.

Guidelines for the use of Photography at Church Events

A clearly communicated Accident/Emergency plan.

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A Training Programme for all adult leaders in the areas of Child Protection and Health & Safety.

Adequate record keeping processes:

- ▶ Detailed Participant forms including
 - signed parental consent for each young person.
 - contact information for parents/guardians.
 - medical information and treatment permission as appropriate for all young people.
- ▶ Incident /Accident Report forms.
- ▶ Programme /attendance records.
- ▶ Volunteer Application forms.
- ▶ Training records for Child Protection and Health & Safety Sessions .

A designated team assigned to deal with any Child Protection concerns and/or complaints raised by young people, adult leaders or parents/guardians.

Useful contacts:

Child Protection Service, Dublin Archdiocese

Phone:01- 8360314

Director:Philip Garland

Phone:01- 8842590

Mobile:0872054174

Email:directorcps@dublindiocese.ie

Website:www.cps.dublindiocese.ie

Gardaí Síochana Blanchardstown

Phone:01 - 666 7000

ISPCC – Childline

Phone:1800 666 666

Email:ispcc@ispcc.ie

Website:www.ispcc.ie

Health Service Executive

HSE Area Dublin North West

Child Protection Social Work Team

Wellmount Health Centre, Finglas.

Phone No:01- 8567704

Website:www.hse.ie

Confidentiality Assured in conjunction
with the Child Protection Service, Dublin
Archdiocese, the Health Service Executive &
the Gardaí.



For further information contact:

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Child Protection
is **EVERYBODY'S** responsibility

PARISH OF ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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**INFORMATION ON CHILD
PROTECTION POLICY,
PROCEDURES AND CONTACT
DETAILS FOR OUR PARISH**

