

Newtownwhite Educate Together NS

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Child Safeguarding Statement

Service Information:

Name of Service: Newtownwhite ETNS Afterschool.

Nature of Service: Afterschool / School-age childcare service

Relevant Person & Designated Liaison Person (DLP): Tracey Jones

Deputy Liaison Person DDLP: Siobhán Breslin

Our mission statement reads:

"In our small school with big hearts and big dreams, we nurture happy children in a warm, playful, and positive atmosphere filled with grá. We celebrate diversity and inclusion, ensuring a voice for all in a safe, welcoming space where every child is accepted, valued, and supported. Rooted in kindness and community, we help each child grow with confidence and joy—where learning and wellbeing go hand in hand."

Through this statement, we are committed to safeguarding children regardless of race, ability, ethnicity or sexual orientation from harm and that the welfare, safety and best interests of all attending children are paramount in all circumstances.

We aim to provide a service to the children that respects the individual, listens to and encourages them to continue their development in the relaxed learning environment.

We aim to ensure that children and young people have a positive, developmental and enjoyable experience in the afterschool environment and that they do so, as far as is practicable, in a safe and enjoyable environment in accordance with the Children First Act (2015) and through the guidance provided by Tusla – Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice.

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2. Activities and Services Provided

Our service provides supervised after-school care and activities for school-age children. Activities include:

- Personal hygiene care
- Homework support
- Indoor and outdoor play
- Promotion of healthy eating
- Arts and crafts
- Sports and recreation
- Social and developmental activities
- Personal and teamwork development

These activities were considered in completing our risk assessment.

3. Principles of Safeguarding Children

We are committed to safeguarding children and promoting their welfare. Our safeguarding principles are guided by national policy and legislation, including the Children First Act 2015 and Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children (2017).

The following principles underpin our approach:

1. The welfare and safety of every child is paramount. All decisions made within the service will prioritise the best interests and wellbeing of children.
2. Children have a right to be protected from harm. We are committed to protecting children from abuse, neglect, exploitation and bullying while attending the service.
3. Children have the right to be heard. Children will be listened to, respected and supported to express their views and concerns.

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4. All children are treated equally & with respect. The service promotes inclusion & equality of opportunity regardless of gender, family status, age, disability, sexual orientation, religion, race, ethnicity, or membership of other communities.
5. Everyone in the organisation has a role in safeguarding children.
Safeguarding is a shared responsibility of the provider, management and staff.
6. Safe recruitment and management practices are essential. Appropriate recruitment procedures, including Garda vetting and supervision of staff, are implemented to ensure suitable persons work with children.
7. Concerns about children will be responded to appropriately. All child protection concerns or allegations will be reported and managed in line with Children First National Guidance and relevant reporting procedures.
8. Staff are expected to maintain the highest standards of behaviour. Staff must conduct themselves in a way that ensures the safety and wellbeing of children and reflects the safeguarding values of the service.
9. Safeguarding procedures will be regularly reviewed. The safeguarding statement and associated policies will be reviewed ad hoc with a maximum duration between reviews of two years, see section 7, for the next review date. This document will be reviewed if the DLP or DDLP is updated.

4. Risk Assessment

The following risks of harm have been identified and assessed:

Risk Assessment

Identified Risk of Harm	Procedures in Place to Manage Risk
Risk of harm (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) of a child by a member of staff/volunteer.	Safe recruitment procedures including Garda Vetting; staff supervision by the service manager/provider; Child Safeguarding Policy; staff training in Children First; Code of Behaviour for staff & volunteers; clear reporting procedures for concerns or allegations.

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Risk of harm (as defined in the CFA 2015) of a child by a visitor to the service.	Visitor sign-in procedures; visitors supervised at all times; restricted access to areas where children are present; staff awareness of safeguarding responsibilities.
Risk of harm (as defined in the CFA 2015) of a child on outings by a member of staff / volunteer / stranger / peer.	Although the service does not currently conduct outings, the risk is acknowledged and children remain supervised on school premises at all times.
Risk of harm (as defined in the CFA 2015) of a child using unauthorised photography.	Photography and recording policy in place; photographs only taken with parental consent; staff monitor use of devices; unauthorised photography is not permitted within the service.
Risk of harm (as defined in the CFA 2015) of a child through social media/internet use.	No access to social media or the internet is provided within the afterschool service. Children do not use internet-enabled devices while attending the service and staff supervision is always maintained.
Risk of harm (as defined in the CFA 2015) of a child by bullying by a peer or older child/young person.	Anti-bullying policy; behaviour management procedures; staff supervision of children always; staff intervention where bullying behaviour is identified; communication with parents where required.

5. Procedures

The following procedures support our safeguarding practices:

- Procedure for Reporting Child Protection and Welfare Concerns, see Appendix A below for more details.
- Procedure for Managing Allegations Against Staff or Volunteers
- Safe Recruitment Policy

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- Code of Behaviour for Staff and Volunteers
- Staff Training and Awareness Procedures
- Behaviour Management / Anti-Bullying Policy
- Photography and Recording Policy
- Drop-Off and Collection Policy
- Complaints Procedure
- Health & Safety Related Policies
 - Accident and Incident
 - First Aid
 - Fire Safety
 - Infection Control

Together, these policies create a culture of safety and accountability that protects children from harm while attending a childcare or afterschool service.

6. Designated Liaison Person (DLP)

The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is responsible for dealing with child protection and welfare concerns within the service.

The DLP acts as the main point of contact for child safeguarding concerns and is responsible for:

- Receiving child protection and welfare concerns from staff, volunteers, parents or others.
- Ensuring concerns are recorded and dealt with in accordance with Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children (2017).
- Reporting child protection concerns to Tusla where appropriate.
- Acting as a liaison with Tusla and other relevant agencies regarding child protection matters.
- Supporting staff and volunteers in relation to safeguarding concerns and reporting procedures.

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The Deputy Designated Liaison Person will assume the responsibilities of the DLP in their absence.

All children, staff and volunteers are informed of the identity of the Designated Liaison Person and Deputy Designated Liaison Person and are aware of their responsibility to report any concerns about a child's safety or welfare to the DLP without delay.

Implementation & Review

This statement has been implemented across all aspects of the service. All staff and volunteers have been provided with a copy and have received training in safeguarding procedures.

Reference section 3.9 for our review policy, the next review is to be completed no later than **7th September 2028**.

Date Adopted: 7th September 2026

Review Date: 1st September 2028

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tracey Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Tracey Jones - *Manager / Service Provider*
Acting Principal of Newtownwhite ETNS

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Appendix A

Notify at least one of the Mandated Persons, either the Designated Liaison Person (DLP) - Tracey Jones or the Deputy Liaison Person DDLP: Siobhán Breslin.

Then complete the form '**Reporting Child Protection and Welfare Concerns**' in the Data Recording Logbook, in as much detail as possible.

If the child is in immediate danger call one or both numbers below.

- During office hours call the TUSLA Mayo office on – 094 90491372.
- Outside of office hours call the local Garda station in Ballina on - 096 20560
- You can write to the TUSLA Mayo office at:
Mill Lane,
Main Street,
Castlebar,
Co Mayo
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