

CLARA LARA



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Clara Lara Funpark is an outdoor adventure park dedicated to providing healthy and creative fun for families and groups of children.

Clara lara provides a range of educational and recreational activities to children and their families. Clara Lara staff members are trained to give instruction on the various activities whilst being supervised in conjunction with their parent, guardians or leader.

Children are not permitted entry to Clara Lara Funpark without an adult and likewise adults are not permitted entry without children.

Activities include:

- Water Slide. Junior Go-Karts, Amphicats(canoe),Rowing Boats, Crazy Golf, various Slides, Rope Swings and Junior Assault Course.
- Access to activities for children without the accompaniment of an adult is subject to height/age restrictions)

Clara Lara Funpark agrees that:

- The protection and welfare of children is of paramount importance.
- We will fully comply with our obligations under the Children First Act 2015, and other relevant legislation relating to the protection and welfare of children.
- We will fully co-operate with the relevant statutory authorities in relation to child safeguarding measures.
- We promote safe practices to mitigate the possibility of harm to children and protect our staff from the necessity to take unnecessary risks that may leave themselves open to accusations of abuse or neglect.
- Confidentiality requirements when dealing with child protection matters will be respected and carried out accordingly.

Clara Lara Funpark believes that the safety and welfare of children is everyone's responsibility. Our objective is to ensure that through our educational/recreational activities and interactions that the best interest of the child is continually at the forefront of our operational procedures.

Clara Lara Funpark is committed to safeguarding children through the following processes:

- Comprehensive recruitment of all staff.
- Thorough vetting including Garda vetting (as applicable).
- Comprehensive training and induction protocols and procedures.
- Child safeguarding policy and training, which includes a code of conduct for staff interacting with children and visitors.
- Comprehensive health and safety policy and risk assessments for all activities.
- Comprehensive 'lost child' policy and reporting procedures to minimize stress/negative welfare of children and parents who find themselves in this difficult situation.

Risk Assessment

We have carried out a risk assessment of any potential for harm to a child while availing of our services. Taking the definition of Harm in relation to a child as: "assault, ill treatment, or neglect of the child in a manner that seriously affects or is likely to seriously affect the child's health, development or welfare, or sexual abuse of the child".

Below is a list of the areas of possible risk identified and the list of procedures for managing risks.

	Possible Risk	Procedure in place to manage identified possible risks
1.	In the event of harm from other children.	Staff are present throughout the park at all times during operational hours thus limiting the risk of unsupervised play. Playground attendants do not replace parent supervision but offer additional safety and support.
2.	In the event of harm from staff	Pre -employment checks are in place. We operate a code of behaviour for staff. Anyone working on a 1 to 1 basis with a child who is unsupervised by parent/guardian or qualified teacher must be Garda Vetted. Clara Lara does not operate 1 to 1 interaction with children.
3.	lost child policy	Our Lost Child policy requires a description of the child to be radioed to all staff to actively search for the child/guardian. The child will wait at the activity or will be brought to reception while a guardian is being located. There will be two staff members present at all times.
4.	Child collection	Guardians may collect a minor from the Clara Lara only when it has been authorised by the parent/guardian /qualified teacher or group organiser in charge of the childs visit to the Clara Lara.

Procedures

Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, *Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children* (2017), 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;
- Procedure for the safe recruitment and selection of workers and work experience university students to work with children;
- Procedure for the 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 in the relevant service who are mandated, persons;
- Procedure for appointing a relevant person.

All procedures listed are available upon request.

Implementation

We recognise that implementation is an on-going 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 every twelve months or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

Signed:



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