

Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment

Written Assessment of Risk of Clonmel Baptist church

In accordance with section 11 of the Children First Act 2015 , the following is the Written Risk Assessment of Clonmel Baptist Church.

1. List of church activities

Sunday morning worship
Sunday School
Creche
Youth Clubs
Prayer meetings
Holiday Bible Club
Church lunches/picnics/outings

2. The church has identified the following risk of harm in respect of its activities

Risk of harm due to children inadequate supervision by parents of children while attending church and out of church activities eg, picnic.

Risk of harm in the church by visitors to service.

Risk of harm at youth or holiday club because parents not present.

3. The church has the following procedures in place to address the risks of harm identified in this assessment :

Parents will be reminded that they are responsible to carefully supervise their own children at all church worship services and out of church activities.

All adults with any involvement with children eg. Sunday Sch. teachers, Creche supervisors, youth and holiday club leaders are required to adhere to the requirements of Garda vetting legislation.

The church has a code of behaviour and anti bullying policy in place and leaders have regular discussions about any discipline issues that might arise.

Helpers under 18 yrs. are never allowed to supervise children without an adult present.

The Holiday Bible Club leaders are asked to read and sign the Children First Commitment policy annually.

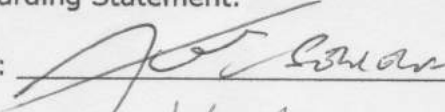
Leaders are asked to discuss any concerns they have about any child with the

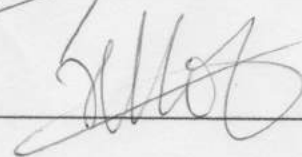
Designated Liason Person.

Mobile phones or not allowed to be used during youth club , holiday bible club or Sunday school.

Important Note: It should be noted that risk in the context of this risk assessment is the risk of 'harm' as defined in the Children First Act 2015 and not general health and safety risk. In undertaking this risk assessment, the Elders have endeavoured to identify as far as possible the risks of harm that are relevant to this church and to ensure that adequate procedures are in place to manage all risks identified. While it is not possible to foresee and remove all risks of harm, the church has in place the procedures listed in this risk assessment to manage and reduce risk to the greatest possible extent.

This risk assessment has been completed by the Elders of Clonmel Baptist Church March 2018. It shall be reviewed as part of the church's annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

Signed:  Date: 25/10/2018

Signed:  Date: 25/10/2018

Signed: Matthew Brennan Date: 25/10/18

Elders of Clonmel Baptist Church.