



Child Safety Statement

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1. Service being provided:

The Goode School of Dance (GSOD) was established in 1989 by Rachel Goode and trains students in Classical Ballet and Modern Theatre Jazz from 3 years old.

2. Nature of service and principles to safeguard children from harm

The GSOD is committed to providing a safe environment and a positive experience for all children with whom we interact and has developed this policy in accordance with guidelines outlined in “Children First, National Guidelines for the Protection and Welfare of Children” and taking due regard to relevant Legislation.

3. Risk assessment

The GSOD has carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to come to a child while availing of our services. Below are a list of the possible areas of risk identified and the list of possible procedures for managing these risks.

No.	Risk Identified	Procedure in Place to Manage Risk
1.	Non-compliance with the GSOD Child Protection Policy	All Staff are provided with both an electronic and hard copy of the GSOD Child Protection Policy and are required to carry a copy at all times when working within the school. Any breach of Child Protection policies is regarded with the greatest seriousness. The Child Protection Policy is regularly reviewed and reapproved annually to ensure it is kept in line with best practice and updated legislation.
2.	Risk of failure to recognise harm	All staff are trained on the Child Protection Policy and alert to symptoms of harm. Most Children are taught by multiple teachers within the school increasing the likelihood of recognition of harm.
3.	Risk of delay in reporting or incorrect reporting	All staff are trained to report promptly any concern, incident, accident or report to the DLP (or Deputy) who will log the report and determine appropriate actions or follow up. The DLP will refer to Tusla guidelines or directly to Tusla officers in the event that they are unsure how to proceed.

4.	Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children	Children are supervised within appropriate ratios and in safe venues. All staff are aware that children should not be left unsupervised and parents are informed that it is GSOD policy that children are not left unattended whilst waiting for classes or at their completion. All Venues have safe, appropriate facilities and particularly attention is paid to safe flooring. Rosin is provided at all venues excepting those with dance flooring in situ. First Aid facilities are available at venues.
5.	Risk of failure to inform Staff of relevant medical or other information pursuant to protection of an individual child.	Parents have an obligation to inform the GSOD of medical conditions relevant to the safe undertaking of activities within the School. Parents are required to accept and acknowledge GSOD Child Protection Policies as part of enrolment.
6.	Receipt of complaints of alleged child abuse where a parent, guardian or teacher is the alleged perpetrator	All Staff are Garda vetted. All complaints are treated in the strictest confidence and staff are trained to record objectively what was reported to them without leading or judging and with the intention only of representing the information volunteered by the child in question.

4. 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

5. Implementation

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. Our organisation 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 in August 2020 or as soon as is practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

Signed:

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Date: 2nd September 2019

Signed: Rachel Goode