



Child Safeguarding Statement

The RDS has a Child Safeguarding Statement. This version has been prepared for Science Blast.

The RDS is responsible for the development and delivery of Science Blast. Science Blast is a programme for primary school-aged children to develop and showcase their class work. It seeks to create a positive learning environment for children.

The RDS is committed to safeguarding children and creating a safe environment.

The responsibility for children rests with their supervising adult, e.g. teacher, parent or guardian.

The RDS has completed a risk assessment for Science Blast.

The RDS has procedures in place to keep children safe from harm in line with the Children First Act 2015. The Act defines harm of a child as ill treatment, neglect, assault, or sexual abuse, and explains what to do if you are concerned.

RDS staff are trained in how to respond to Child Protection concerns and there is a Child Protection Officer on site. The RDS has a mandated person.

The RDS has strong governance structures in place.

This statement will be reviewed every 2 years.

Jill McMorrow is the Mandated Person for the RDS and can be contacted by email at safeguarding@rds.ie or by mobile at 087 2034590 if you have queries or concerns in relation to Child Safeguarding.

Signed _____

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