

## Child Safeguarding Statement

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

The RDS is responsible for the development and delivery of ESB Science Blast. ESB 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 ESB 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.

Donal Gillespie is the Designated Liaison Person for ESB Science Blast, and can be contacted by mobile at 087 161 6675, or Deputy DLP Ciara Byrne by email at [safeguarding@rds.ie](mailto:safeguarding@rds.ie) or 087 913 5092 if you have queries or concerns in relation to Child Safeguarding.

## Ráiteas maidir le Cosaint Leanaí

Tá Ráiteas maidir le Cosaint Leanaí ag an RDS. I gcomhar le Bleaist Eolaíochta ESB a ullmhaíodh an leagan seo.

An RDS atá freagrach as Bleaist Eolaíochta ESB a fhorbairt agus a sheachadadh. Is clár do leanaí bunscoile é Bleaist Eolaíochta ESB chun a gcuid obair ranga a fhorbairt agus a chur i láthair. Féachtar leis, timpeallacht foghlama dhearfach a chruthú do leanaí.

Tá an RDS tiomanta leanaí a chosaint agus timpeallacht shlán a chruthú.

Is ar an duine fásta atá i mbun maoirseachta atá an fhreagracht i ndáil leis na leanaí, e.g. múinteoir, tuismitheoir nó caomhnóir.

Tá measúnú riosca curtha i gcrích ag an RDS i gcomhair Bleaist Eolaíochta ESB.

Tá nósanna imeachta i bhfeidhm ag an RDS chun leanaí a choimeád slán ó dhíobháil de réir an Achta um Thús Áite do Leanaí, 2015. San Acht, sainmhínítear díobháil do leanaí mar dhrochíde, faillí, ionsaí nó mí-úsáid ghnéis agus mínítear ann cad is ceart a dhéanamh sa chás go mbeadh inní ort faoina leithéid.

Tá oiliúint curtha ar fhoireann an RDS maidir le conas is féidir freagairt d'ábhair inní maidir le Cosaint Leanaí agus tá Oifigeach Cosanta Leanaí ar an suíomh. Tá duine sainordaithe ag an RDS.

Tá struchtúir rialachais láidre i bhfeidhm ag an RDS.

Déanfar an ráiteas seo a athbhreithniú gach 2 bhliain.

Is é Donal Gillespie an “Designated Liaison Person” don Bleaist Eolaíochta ESB, agus is féidir teagmháil a dhéanamh trí ghuthán soghluaiste ag 087 161 6675, nó “Deputy DLP” Ciara Byrne trí ríomhphost ag [safeguarding@rds.ie](mailto:safeguarding@rds.ie) nó 087 913 5092 má bhíonn aon cheist nó ábhar inní agat maidir le Cosaint Leanaí.