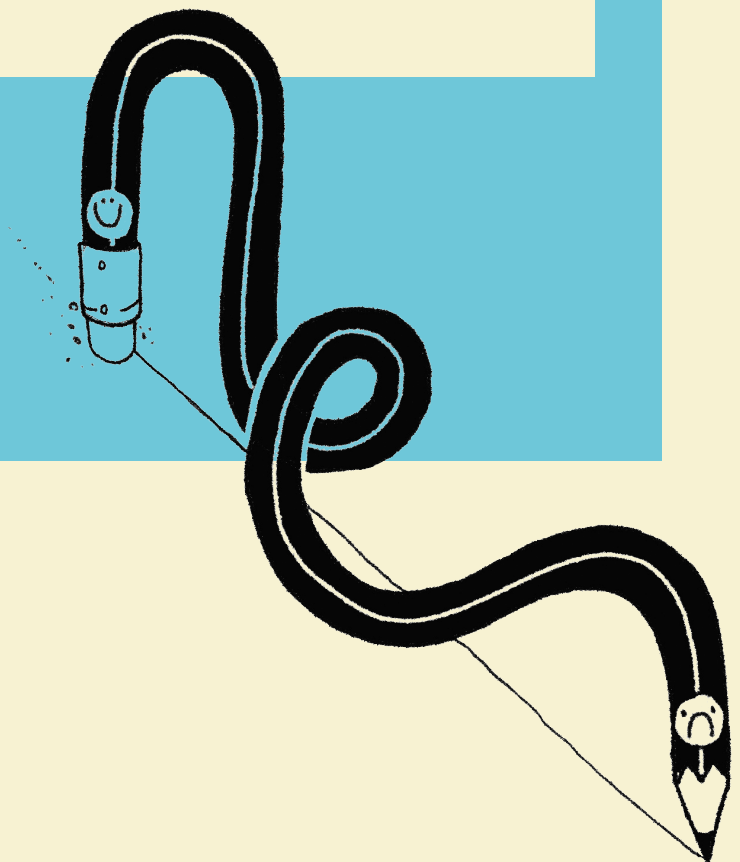


Child Safeguarding Statement

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BRANAR



Nature of service and principles to safeguard children from harm

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Section 1

Branar is a theatre company that makes and tours work for children. We create performances for children in schools, arts centres, theatres and festivals in Ireland and internationally, deliver drama and creative workshops in schools, support artists to make work for young audiences, consult children on the development of new work, and make digital content available to children, schools and families.

Branar is committed to the protection and welfare of children, and we recognise our obligation to create a culture of safety for the children and young people who avail of our services. Branar has policies and procedures that support best practice in child protection and welfare. We recognise that the safety and welfare of children is everyone’s responsibility, and that the best interests of the child are paramount. Because most of our work takes place in premises we do not control, we agree to follow the child protection guideline as set out by the school, venue, festival or partner where the activity is taking place.

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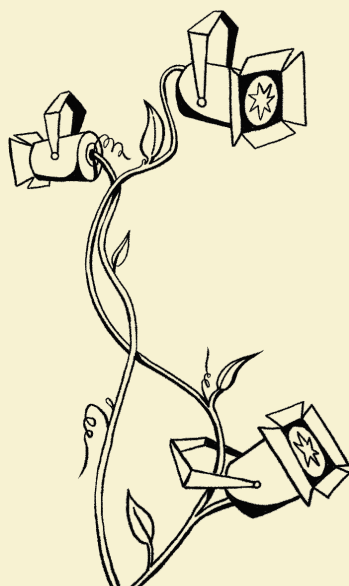
Section 2

Risk Assessment

We have carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while availing of our services, including the area of online safety. Below is a list of the nine areas of risk identified and the procedures for managing these risks.

#	Risk identified	Procedure in place to manage risk identified
1	People – Branar staff	•Recruited through safe recruitment and selection procedures, including Garda vetting, repeated in line with policy. •Complete child safeguarding training, and have ongoing access to information and management support. •Required to comply with Branar’s Child Safeguarding Policy and Code of Behaviour. •Subject to supervision and review.
2	People – freelance artists, performers, technicians and other contractors engaged by Branar	•Engaged through the same recruitment, vetting and training requirements as staff, completed before any work with children begins, including cover and short-notice engagements. •Safeguarding induction at the start of each contract or tour; compliance with the Child Safeguarding Policy and Code of Behaviour required by contract. •General contractors attend by scheduled appointment, are supervised by a member of Branar staff, and have no unsupervised contact with children.

3	People – others present during our activity: teachers, parents, guardians, venue and festival staff, visitors	•Children attending Branar activity remain the responsibility of an identified teacher, parent or guardian at all times. •Schools and accompanying adults are given the information they need to fulfil their supervision role, and a description of the activity, in advance. •Supervision responsibilities are agreed with the host school, venue or festival before the activity and confirmed on the day. •Host venues and partners confirm their own Child Safeguarding Statement and vetting arrangements for their personnel.
4	Delivery of activity offsite – schools, arts centres, theatres and festivals	•All offsite activity is risk assessed in line with Branar’s Child Safeguarding Policy. •Branar personnel comply with the host setting’s child protection policy as well as this Statement. •Get-in and get-out are scheduled outside the times children have access to the space wherever practicable.
5	Supervision of children availing of our services	•Level of supervision by Branar personnel determined by the risk assessment for each activity, alongside the supervision provided by the school or accompanying adult. •No Branar person has one-to-one, unobserved contact with a child; where such contact is unavoidable it takes place in an open, visible space and is reported to the Relevant Person. •Intimate care is not provided by Branar personnel; first aid, accident and incident procedures apply.
7	Programme and workshop content	•All programme and workshop content is reviewed in advance for suitability for the intended age range. •Age guidance and content notes are published for each production and workshop and given to schools and bookers. •Physical contact required by the artform is explained in advance and a child may decline.
8	Online activity and service delivery	•Procedures and guidelines in place for Safe delivery of online services. •Online Services delivered by staff who are subject to the policies and procedure outlined against risk 1 above. •Published content and comment functions are moderated and reviewed for age suitability.
9	Photography, filming and children’s personal data	•Written consent obtained before a child is photographed or filmed, with separate consent for publication. •Only Branar or contractors equipment is used; children are not named alongside an identifiable image. •Children’s records held securely, access restricted to named personnel, and retained and disposed of under the data retention schedule.



Procedures

Section 3

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 or volunteers of a child availing of our service;
- Procedure for the safe recruitment and selection of workers and volunteers to work with children;
- Procedure for 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 (if any) in the relevant service who are mandated persons;
- Procedure for appointing a relevant person.

All procedures listed above are contained within Branar's Child Safeguarding Policy, which is available at Branar.ie and on request.

Implementation

Section 4

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. Branar 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 is due for review in AUGUST 2028, or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

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