

Outdoor Education can be defined as ‘the use of adventure activities and the outdoors as a medium for personal, physical & social development whilst developing & respect for the natural environment’.

Our activities are designed so that students can experience new challenges, develop new skills, realise their abilities, experience success & enhance personal skills in a child centered, safe and enjoyable manner.

All activity staff and those working for our students are trained in the implementation of our *Child Safeguarding Statement*. They have a clear and detailed practical understanding of the *Children First Act 2015*, *Children First: National Guidance*, and *Tusla’s Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice*.

Identified Risk	Procedure in Place to Manage Identified Risk
Arriving & Departing	Supervision Policy, Standard Operating Procedures
Recreational Breaks	Code of Conduct, Supervision, Policy, Operating Procedures
Toilets, Showers, Changing	Code of Conduct, Supervision Policy, Operating Procedures
Outdoor Activities	NGB Qualifications, Garda Vetting, Children First Training
Residential Programmes	Code of Conduct, Supervision, Operating Procedures, CCTV
Transportation	Transport Policy, Supervision Policy, Operating Procedures
Photography	Code of Conduct, Supervision, Operating Procedures
Bullying	Code of Conduct, Bullying Prevention Policy
Complaints	Code of Conduct, Complaints Procedure
Reporting of Allegations	Child Protection & Welfare Reporting Procedure

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:

- Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017
- Baltinglass Outdoor Education & Training Centre Staff Recruitment & Vetting Policy
- Baltinglass Outdoor Education & Training Centre Code of Conduct for Staff & Volunteers
- Baltinglass Outdoor Education & Training Centre Code of Conduct for Students & Visitors
- Baltinglass Outdoor Education & Training Centre Staff Training Policy & Procedures
- KWETB Disciplinary Policy & Procedures
- KWETB Vetting Policy & Procedure

We recognise that implementation is an ongoing process. Our service 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 on January 14th 2020, or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

Signed: 
Rory O'Toole, KWETB Director of Schools

9th March 2019

Signed: 
Paul Scott, Centre Director Baltinglass OETC

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