



## Risk Assessment

Name of group	Children's Liturgy Group
Date of risk assessment	
Name and role of person(s) completing the risk assessment	

Risk	Who is at risk?	Likelihood of harm	Consequence	Control needed	In place Yes/No/NA	Person(s) responsible
Ensuring appropriate preparation for activity	Young person And adults	Low	Child Safeguarding Concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint Parental/Guardian/Child Consent Forms</li> <li>• Code of Conduct for Adults/Child</li> <li>• Supervision ratios to be followed at all times</li> <li>• Ensure that Group Leaders are at venue before children</li> <li>• Rota for activity shared and agreed with leaders</li> <li>•</li> </ul>		
Checking and ensuring Group Leaders' criteria To safeguard children are completed	Children and other group leaders	Low	Child safeguarding concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe recruitment procedures followed</li> <li>• Applications Forms completed</li> <li>• References sought</li> <li>• Garda Vetting Clearance</li> <li>• Code of behaviour for adults supervising children</li> <li>• Clear role descriptions outlined</li> </ul>		

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All leaders aware of safeguarding procedures</li> <li>• Two leaders for the group have attended safeguarding training</li> </ul>		
Checking and ensuring if venue is suitable for practice	Children and Adults	Low	Health and safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suitable room that is conducive to teaching and learning for children</li> <li>• Attendance Records kept for sign in/out</li> <li>• Child Safeguarding Posters to be displayed with contact number of DLP.</li> <li>• Group leaders to prepare facility safely for practice</li> <li>• Leaders to monitor/record any potential hazards and identify and notify those responsible</li> <li>• Leaders instructed in Fire Drill procedures</li> <li>• Children notified of Assembly Points</li> </ul>		
Inadequate toilet facilities	Children	Low	Child safeguarding concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location of toilet facilities assessed.</li> <li>• Toilets must be fit for purpose.</li> <li>• Leaders clearly instructed around toilet procedures for children during the session.</li> <li>• Disabled toilets are available, or toilets are accessible.</li> <li>• Toilets are not located external to building.</li> </ul>		

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Accident/Incident onsite	Children	Possibility	Child safeguarding concerns/Health & safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parental Contact Details readily available</li> <li>• Fully stocked first aid kit</li> <li>• Accident/Incident forms available</li> <li>• Parents notified of minor incident/accident when collecting child (good practice to give copy of Accident/Incident form to parents)</li> </ul>		
Child wandering from the group	Children	Possibility	Child safeguarding concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sign in and out register complete</li> <li>• Procedure agreed with parent/guardian for dropping and collecting children</li> <li>• Children understand and agree to code of behaviour</li> <li>• Assess number of entrances and exists in building</li> </ul>		
Medical issue with a child	Children	Possibility	Health and safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency contact information for parents/guardians on consent forms.</li> <li>• Review medical information in consent forms</li> <li>• Fully stocked first aid kit available in building</li> <li>• Accident and incident form available and are completed following an accident / incident.</li> <li>• Parents notified of incident / accident when collecting child (good practice to give copy of accident/Incident form to parents).</li> </ul>		

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Child misbehaves	Other children	High	Disrupts activity Upsets other children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children are aware and agree to code of behaviour.</li> <li>Discuss with parents/guardians if necessary.</li> </ul>		
Parents doesn't turn up to collect child	Children	Possibility	Child is upset Safeguarding concern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two adult leaders stay with the child.</li> <li>Procedure for dropping and collecting agreed with parents.</li> <li>Telephone numbers for parents recorded in consent forms.</li> </ul>		
Activity is not inclusive for those with additional needs	Young person and adults	Medium	Room not suitable for those with poor mobility. Minimal supervision ratios. Health and safety.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure room used are accessible to all.</li> <li>Assess individual needs of child i.e. if intimate care may be required and who is authorized and agreed</li> <li>Disabled toilets are available, or toilets are accessible.</li> <li>Increase supervision ratios when needed.</li> <li>Parental consultation with group leader re: child's needs prior to activity.</li> </ul>		



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Bullying	Young person and adults	Medium	Safeguarding concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Code of Conduct in place for Children/Young People</li> <li>• Code of Conduct for Adults/Leaders</li> <li>• Diocesan Bullying Policy in Place</li> <li>• All incidents of bullying to be brought to attention of group leader immediately.</li> <li>• Accident/Incident Forms available.</li> <li>• Discuss incidents with parents/guardians where necessary</li> </ul>		
Unauthorised adult being part of the activity	Young person and adults	Low	Safeguarding concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All adults working with the young people to be Garda vetted, trained (where appropriate).</li> <li>• New staff/volunteers to go through parish recruitment procedures.</li> <li>• Supervision Rota in place</li> <li>• Number of entrances and exits is limited.</li> <li>• Sign in / sign out book complete.</li> <li>• Drop off and collection point agreed with parents.</li> </ul>		
Unauthorised photography / recording of videos	Young person and adults	Medium	Safeguarding concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents to explicitly give consent for photos/videos on consent form.</li> <li>• Leaders aware of Diocesan Social Media policy &amp; procedures.</li> <li>• Storage of photos/videos in line with Diocesan GDPR policy and</li> </ul>		

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