



# ROYAL BREFFNI TOURS

## HOME OF THE CRYSTAL MAZE

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### Child Safeguarding Statement

**Name of service being provided:** The Crystal Maze School Tours and Summer Camps and Royal Breffni Tours Coach Hire Service

**Nature of service and principles to safeguard children from harm:**

Royal Breffni Tours provides a high-quality and dependable Coach Hire service. Operating three daily bus routes to Dundalk Institute of Technology and many Bus Eireann contracted bus tenders. The Crystal Maze is an outdoor activity facility for school tours and summer camps. With over 150 physical, mental, skill and water-based challenges around Ireland's largest hedge maze, safety of children is paramount. To keep children safe from harm while they are availing of our services, all employees are regularly trained on the importance and the procedure for safeguarding children, and on how to identify and report potential risks. We have appointed a Mandated Person, a Designated Liaison Person and a Deputy Designated Liaison Person and will continue to carry out risk assessments.

**Risk Assessment**

In preparing this statement we have completed a risk assessment under the following headings, and identified the list of procedures and policies for managing these risks which addresses the potential for harm to children when they are availing of our services. It should be noted that risk in this context refers to abuse and not general health and safety. (this is covered in our Health and Safety Policy) Our Risk Assessment was undertaken on 30/03/2026

	<b>Risk Identified</b>	<b>Procedures in place to manage identified risk</b>
1	Professional Practices	Recruitment Policy, Safeguarding Level 1 and 2, Child Safeguarding Policy and Induction Training
2	Complaints, Discipline and Reporting	Procedures explained clearly, available on website and distributed with employment contracts. Mandated Person and DLPs publicised and contactable.
3	Facilities	Designated children only facilities, Health and Safety Policy and Training
4	Communication and Social Media	Child Safeguarding Policy, Induction Training including Code of conduct policy and ongoing Quality Training
3	General Harm	Supervision Policy, Recruitment Policy, Induction Training, regular Quality Training and constant monitoring, reviewing and communication



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### Procedures

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 assessments, the following procedures support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our service:

- Appointing a Mandated Person and 2 Designated Liaison Persons
- The safe recruitment and selection of workers and volunteers.
- The provision of and access to child safeguarding training and information, including how to identify harm.
- The management of allegations of abuse or misconduct against employees/volunteers of a child availing of our service.
- The reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Tusla.
- The implementation, monitoring and reviewing of our guiding principles and child safeguarding procedures.
- All procedures listed are available upon request.

### Implementation

We recognise that implementation is an on-going process. The Crystal Maze and Royal Breffni Tours are 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 services.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed in January 2028, or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

Designated Liaison Person	Deputy Designated Liaison Person
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Signed: _____	Signed: _____

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