

Child Safeguarding Statement

Piece of Pi Ltd

Effective Date: 21/04/2025 **Last Reviewed:** 21/04/2025

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all children and young people participating in our sessions are protected from harm and that all tutors and staff act in their best interests at all times.

2. Our Commitment

At Piece of Pi Ltd, we are committed to:

- Creating a safe and positive environment for all students
- Promoting the welfare and well-being of children
- Ensuring our staff and tutors understand their responsibilities in safeguarding

3. Scope

This policy applies to all:

- Students under the age of 18
- Staff, tutors, and volunteers
- Online and in-person classes

4. Code of Conduct for Tutors

All tutors must:

- Treat every student with respect, dignity, and fairness
- Maintain appropriate professional boundaries at all times
- Never be alone with a student in a private setting, whether online or in-person, without parental consent
- Avoid physical contact unless absolutely necessary and appropriate
- Not share personal contact details or communicate with students outside approved platforms

5. Online Safety Measures

- All online classes must be conducted via secure, approved platforms (e.g. Zoom).
- Parents/guardians will be informed about scheduled sessions and are encouraged to be present nearby during online lessons.
- Sessions may be recorded for quality assurance, with consent from parents/guardians.
- Tutors must use business email addresses and accounts for all communication.

6. Parental Involvement

We encourage ongoing communication with parents and guardians. They have the right to:

- Receive regular updates about their child's progress
- Be informed about any concerns or incidents involving their child
- Access our safeguarding policies and procedures

7. Recognising and Reporting Concerns

All staff and tutors must be alert to signs of abuse or neglect. If a tutor has a safeguarding concern, they must report it immediately to the **Designated Liaison Person (DLP)**.

Designated Liaison Person (DLP):

Leona Regan Managing Director – Piece of Pi Ltd

If there is an immediate risk to a child, Tusla (Child and Family Agency) or An Garda Síochána will be contacted without delay.

8. Confidentiality

All concerns will be handled with care and confidentiality. Information will only be shared on a need-to-know basis and in compliance with data protection laws.

9. Recruitment and Vetting

All tutors and staff who work with minors will be:

- Subject to Garda Vetting
- Required to provide references
- All teachers must be have current valid registration with the Teaching Council of Ireland.

10. Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed annually or in response to changes in legislation or best practice.

Contact Details

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