

## CS<sub>linc</sub> Child Protection Statement 2023

1. **Name of service being provided:** CS<sub>linc</sub>
2. **Nature of service and principles to safeguard children from harm.** (Brief outline of what our service is, what we do and our commitment to safeguard children.)
  - a. CS<sub>linc</sub> is a free online Computer Science Education programme, aligned to the post-primary curriculum. Its target audience is post-primary teachers and students, who utilise the programme to access online computer science content and assessments. Throughout our programme development and facilitation, the CS<sub>linc</sub> team prioritises child protection and is committed to safeguard children.

### 3. Risk Assessment

- a. (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 when accessing the internet. Below is a list of the areas of risk identified and the list of procedures for managing these risks.)

	<b>Risk Identified</b>	<b>Procedure in place to manage identified risk</b>
1.	CS <sub>linc</sub> users being approached by strangers online	CS <sub>linc</sub> users cannot communicate with one another through the CS <sub>linc</sub> platform.
2.	CS <sub>linc</sub> users allocated individual email addresses	The allocated email addresses are non-functional (not real email addresses), in terms of an email account. They exist purely to complete the email requirement for CS <sub>linc</sub> registration.
3.	CS <sub>linc</sub> personal details to be used for programme evaluation	The CS <sub>linc</sub> team has received ethical approval from TUD's ethics committee to gather programme data, pending the explicit permission from students and their legal guardian.


### 4. Procedures

- a. 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.

### 5. Implementation

- a. We recognise that implementation is an on-going 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 as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.

- b. Signed:  (Provider)  
i. [Provider's name and contact details]
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i. Relevant Person under the Children First Act 2015.