**Statement of Purpose & Function of Dunhill N.S. BASC**

**The purpose of this service is to provide a childcare facility for children attending Dunhill N.S. (aged between 4 and 13 years). We operate when the school is open from 8am – 9.20am and from 2-6pm each school day. We have capacity to cater for up to 20 children at any one time.**

**This service is a school-based facility operated by the Board of Management of Dunhill N.S.**

**Objectives:**

* + - * At the service our ethos and practice values diversity and promotes equality.
* We aim to select friendly, dependable, mature and professional staff through our rigorous recruitment and selection policy.
* To ensure that the developmental, educational, emotional and social needs of each child are met daily.
* The voice of the child is heard, respected and contributes to our programme.
* We aim to deliver a quality service which addresses children’s well-being, identity and belonging, communication and exploring and thinking.
* The service is available to all pupils in our school.
* We operate within the Childcare Act 1991, Dept of Education Acts & Guidelines for Schools and (Registration of School Age Services) Regulations 2018.
* The environment is planned and well-organised in a way that suits the different needs of individual children, while keeping in mind the importance of Safety and Hygiene
* Parents/guardians are actively welcomed at the service at all times. We endeavour to share information and communicate with parents/guardians directly, in order to give feedback at the end of each day.
* Pupils are able to partake in the Homework Club, the range of Educational, sporting and non-educational games, use the vast range of reading books in the extensive BASC library, involve themselves in Art, Cooking and Drama Activities.
* The pupils use the grounds of the school in a supervised, safe yet relaxed manner.
* The service wishes to promote a positive atmosphere where children, staff and parents/guardians are treated with respect.
* This Statement is available in the BASC building and on the Dunhill N.S. Website
* This Statement will be reviewed every 3 years.
* The following policies have been devised with respect to the BASC
* Fire Safety Policy
* Child Safeguarding Statement
* Complaints Policy
* Dropping off and Collection Policy
* Infection Control Policy
* Management of Medicines Policy
* Behaviour Management Policy