

# FORÓIGE CLUB - INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



*Please keep this safely for future reference*

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Your son/ daughter/ ward is joining a Foróige Club, designed to contribute significantly to his/her broad education and the development of 21<sup>st</sup> century life and work skills such as teamwork, creativity, problem solving and initiative. The club also about friendship and fun, getting involved in the community, self-confidence and exercising responsibility. It offers young people opportunities to run the clubs themselves in cooperation with trained volunteer adults, whose generosity makes it possible for your child to have this club.

Foróige involves over 50,000 young people and some 6,000 adult volunteers, supported by professional staff. For more see [www.foroige.ie](http://www.foroige.ie) or "Like" us on Facebook.

## Safeguarding of young people

We believe that the welfare and protection of children and young people is of paramount importance. Our staff and adult leaders take all reasonable care to ensure that all children and young people involved in our clubs and other services are protected from harm and abuse of any kind. Our commitment to safeguarding children and young people in Foróige is grounded in our philosophy which outlines the importance of young people being treated with respect, listened to and having their views taken into consideration.

Foróige volunteer leaders are reference checked; Garda vetted and receive appropriate training. Foróige has policies covering a number of areas and procedures which the adult leaders are expected to follow including: Child safeguarding, Code of Good Practice in Working with Young People, A Code of Conduct for volunteers, Social Media use, Recruitment and Selection of Volunteers, Safety on Trips Away, Interclub Event Guidelines, Data protection, Tobacco Alcohol and Drugs.

## Parents Responsibility

The Club normally operates on Tuesday evening beginning at 6:45 & 8:30 pm and ending at 8:15 & 10 pm in Louisburgh Town Hall (Venue). If we have extra meetings or change nights we will let you know. The leader's responsibility begins and ends at these times. You are responsible before and after.

**Please do not drop your child off before the specified time, and ensure s/he does not remain after the club ends. The meeting place will not open until there are enough volunteers to take care of members.**

At times we may need extra help in the club, such as on trips away. We look forward to your co-operation.

## Medication

In the event of a young person needing to take medication, (e.g. headache/ hay fever or prescribed medication)

- A. An Adult Leader must be informed in advance of the use of this medication
- B. No young person should be in possession of any more medication than is required for the duration of the activity
- C. The Adult Leaders will not be responsible for the administration of these medications

## Trips and events out of the club

Local trips, e.g. cinema or an interclub disco are part of the normal club programme. We will inform you of them as they come up. You must confirm your young person's attendance as requested (by text or google form or in writing). Please reply. For longer trips, you will be asked for further permission. Most trips and events require payment in advance to book places. For information on any trip please check with a leader.

## Mobile phones

We ask you to support the following mobile phone rule in your discussions with your child:

**The use of mobile phones is not permitted in our club. Leaders have phones if contact is required.**

Foroige Ireland fee is €30 + Louisburgh foroige fee €20 = Total is €50

### Club Fees and Insurances

1. There is an annual affiliation (membership) fee of €50 per member, and no more than €80 per family, even if the children are in different clubs. This is used to help pay for insurance, training and support and back-up from Foróige staff. **Please note that Foróige provides Public & Product Liability Insurance; it does not have personal accident insurance.**
2. The **Affiliation Fee** is to be paid in one sum or over 5 week(s) and is due to be fully paid by 08-10-2020
3. Members will also be asked to pay € 3 per night (€\_\_\_\_\_ per family) to cover day to day expenses and to help raise funds to buy supplies for the club.
4. There may be further costs that will arise should the club decide to partake in an outing or activity.
5. If you have any issues with fees talk to a leader in confidence.

### Foróige Volunteer Leaders

If you have any questions about Foróige please feel free to contact us, the volunteer leaders

Names	Contact Number
1. Chairperson - Sinead Duffy	Michael - (086) 7351523  email - louisburghforoige@yahoo.ie
2. Secretary - Fiona Burke	
3. Treasurer - Brige Woodward	
4. P.R.O. - Michael McGuire	
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### Important Points to Remember

1. If your child/ward cannot attend the Foróige Club for any reason please inform one of the leaders.
2. If your child/ward is frequently absent from the Foróige Club, is arriving late or leaving early; we will be in contact with you to check that everything is OK.
3. As a parent/guardian we would like you to be as involved in the club as much as you can. We are all volunteers and you are welcome to call down or consider joining us.

### Concerns or Emergencies

In the case of an emergency please contact this Foróige Leader:

Name: Michael McGuire Ph No: (086) 7351523

**The Foróige staff person supporting this club is** Andy Neary and can be

contacted at: Email: andy.neary@foroige.ie or Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Other information for this club

Most of the information you require will be posted on our website but please do feel free to contact us using the details above at any time.

Our website is; [Louisburghforoige.com](http://Louisburghforoige.com)