

BARNA SPORTS PARK - CHILD PROTECTION NOTICE

Comharchumann Bearn Teoranta (Barna Sports Park) is a privately owned Cooperative Society which owns and maintains the community sports and playground amenity park in Truskey West, Barna. The functioning of this cooperative is overseen and managed by a volunteer-based committee.

The amenity park is intended for use by the local community and local community groups or clubs. It currently includes a tennis-only court area, a multi-use games area (MUGA), a playground area, green spaces, and parking facilities. The playground, green space and parking facilities are open to all community members during the specified opening hours of the park. Access to the tennis courts and multi-use games areas are restricted to members of the community who formally join the Co-Op and pay an annual fee. Nominal fees are also charged to groups, clubs or coaches who secure agreement to use the park facilities.

With regard to child protection (as per relevant legislation and guidance), it should be noted that Comharchumann Bearn Teoranta, as solely the provider of the facilities described above, does not accept responsibility for child protection arising from the use of the park facilities by children or vulnerable adults as individuals or as part of organised groups or coaching. Child protection at the sports park amenity area is the responsibility of parents and of guardians of any such organised groups or coaches.

To this end the cooperative will endeavour to ensure that organisations, clubs and coaches, who have agreement to use the park facilities for activities which involve children, will have appropriate child protection measures, procedures and training in place, including Garda vetting.

Notwithstanding this, it is ultimately the responsibility of parents/guardians/coaches etc. to ensure that they are happy with their children's safety (through appropriate supervision or otherwise) while using the park whether as individuals or with organised groups or part of coaching sessions.

If parents do have any reservations or comments with regard to child protection matters at the park, they can contact the committee's child protection contact via the sports park email address at barnasportspark@gmail.com or via the website. The current child protection contact on the committee is Orla Naughton.

Barna Sports Park Committee.