



Child Enrolment Policy

AN NUADHA PLAYERS

V0.4



Definitions

An Nuadha Players, a community theatre group based in Maynooth, Co. Kildare and owner of this document, associated processes and documentation. (hereafter “**An Nuadha Players**”, “**Group**”).

The Child Care Act 1991 defines a child as a ‘person under the age of 18 years other than a person who is or has been married’ (S.2.1). (hereafter “**Child**” or “**Children**” for Primary School Children, and “**Young Person**” or “**Young People**” for Secondary School Children).

Member(s), a person who has paid membership to An Nuadha Players.

Volunteers, person(s) who are not members of the Group but are involved in supporting the Group for events and shows. Example: Front of House Team, Backstage Team etc.

Service Providers, person(s) who are engaged by the Group to aid in our running of productions. Example: Musical Director, Choreographer, Lighting Engineer, Sound Engineer.

Primary Carers, person(s) who are the legal parent or guardian of a Young Person or Child.

Executive, a person who is elected to the committee of the Group and holds an officer position. Example: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Public Relations Officer.

Committee, the elected body of responsible persons for the running and management of An Nuadha Players.



Introduction

Our Child Enrolment Policy is split into two groups; Primary School Children (2nd - 6th class) and Young People in Secondary School (under 18 years of age).

Primary School Children

In the upcoming An Nuadha Players production there will be a number of roles available in the Group's Children's Chorus. Spaces in the Children's Chorus will be filled in order of the following criteria:

1. Children who performed in the previous production and whose Primary Carers (Parents/Guardians) are active members in the Group.
2. Siblings of those Children who performed in the previous production who will have started second class of primary school on or before 30th September of the current year.
3. Children of active Members of the Group who will have started second class on or before 30th September of the current year.
4. Siblings of active cast members who will have started second class on or before the 30th September of the current year and whose Primary Carers are active Members in the Group.

Young People in Secondary School

Young People in Secondary School (including those beginning first year in August/September of the current year) may audition for a principal role, the core dancers and be part of the adult chorus.

Terms & Conditions

Primary Carers of Children or Young People participating in the production will be given an opportunity to meet with members of the Group's Committee to have the policies explained and the rehearsal schedules provided to them. By enrolling a Child or Young Person for the production you are agreeing to the following clause:

- Each Primary School Child will be accompanied by a Primary Carer to **every** rehearsal;
- Young People in Secondary School may attend rehearsals unaccompanied only with permission from their Primary Carer;
- All Children and Young People are expected to attend **every** rehearsal, circumstances provided;
- All Children and Young People must be present for **every** show;



- Primary Carers of Primary School Children are required to supervise at **two shows**¹. If the Primary Carer is unable to supervise for the day which they have volunteered, it is **their responsibility** to organise someone to cover them from the approved list and to provide adequate notice to the Committee^{2*};
- Primary Carers supervising shows will act in loco parentis. They will be introduced to the Children at the beginning of each show and will be given full responsibility of the Children in their care;
- Primary Carers and Children/Young People (where possible) are required to make every effort to attend and help at fundraising events in the run up to the pantomime;
- Primary Carers of all Children and Young People are expected to drop off and collect their own Child/Young Person promptly at the times provided on the schedules. If a Child or Young Person is not travelling with family please, where possible, notify a member of the Committee;
- Primary Carers are required to complete an Enrolment Form for their Child/Young Person;
- Primary Carers will be requested to provide permission for the use of photos/videos of their Child/Young Person by the group to be used in both online and offline advertisement for the show and the Group;
- Primary School Children cannot sign up to be members of the Group on their own. A Primary Carer must sign up as a member with their Child;
- Young People in Secondary School can sign up to be members of the Group in their own right.

^{1*} The requirement may change slightly depending on the number of Children in the show.

^{2*} This list will be composed at the first rehearsal for Children.