

Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment

List of School Activities	The School has identified the following Risk of Harm	The School has the following Procedures in place to address risk identified in this assessment
Training of school personnel in Child Protection matters.	Harm not recognised or reported promptly	Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff. DLP & DDLP to attend PDST face to face training. All school personnel are required view Tusla training module & any other online training offered by PDST. BOM records all records of staff and board training.
Classroom teaching	Risk of harm by school personnel	All teachers are bound by the Code of Professional Conduct for teachers 2016.
One to one teaching H	Harm by school personnel	School has policy in place for one to one teaching. Open doors. Glass in window in Sp. Ed. Policy.
Care of Children with special needs, including intimate care needs. H	Harm by school personnel	Policy on Intimate Care.
Toilet area H	Inappropriate behaviour	- Supervision policy. - Procedures on toilet use in classrooms.
Curricular Provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay safe. M	Non-teaching of same	School implements SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe in full.
LGBT Children/Pupils perceived to be LGBT. L	Risk of harm through Bullying	Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour
Recruitment of school personnel M	Harm not recognised or properly or promptly reported	Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff. Staff to view Tusla training module & any other online training offered by PDST. - Garda Vetting Procedures implemented
Managing of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint. H	Injury to pupil and staff	Restraint Policy Training Health & Safety Policy Code of Behaviour
Sports Coaches H	Harm to pupil	Policy & Procedures in place through P.E. Policy + Swim Policy. Garda Vetting procedures
Students participating in work experience. H	Harm to pupil	Work experience Policy Child Safeguarding Statement Garda vetting procedures
Volunteers/Parents H	Harm to pupil	Vetting procedures Policy for parents/Volunteers.

Use of Information & Communication Technology by pupils in school. H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Risk of harm due to pupils accessing inappropriate material. - Risk of harm caused by school personnel communicating with pupils inappropriately. - Bullying 	Acceptable Use Policy. ICT Policy. Anti-Bullying Policy. Code of Behaviour.
Daily Arrival and Dismissal of Pupil	Risk of harm due to inadequate Supervision	Supervision Policy with Rota for Arrival and Dismissal Supervision to ensure appropriate supports.
Recreation Breaks for Pupils M		Supervision Policy with playground supervision Rota to include specific toilet area.
School Outings H	Risk of harm by a member of school personnel, a member of staff of another organisation or person while child is participating in out of school activity.	The school has guidelines and clear procedures in respect of school tours/outings.
School trips involving overnight stay. H		
School trips to swimming pool. H		The school has guidelines and procedures in respect of swimming.
Administration of Medicine. L	Risk of harm to pupil.	The school has an Administration of Medicine and Procedures Policy which is updated annually
Administration of First Aid M		The school has a First Aid Policy in place and all staff are trained in Paediatric First Aid. First Aid.
Travelling to Matches. H	Risk of harm to pupils by school personnel/others.	Policy Procedures – P.E. Policy Travel by Bus with 2 members of staff.
Training after school. H		Procedures in place.
Use of Sensory room	Risk of harm by school personnel.	Sp. Ed. Policy. Policy on use of Sensory Room.
Movement of breaks for pupils		

Use of school premises by outside groups.	Risk of harm by others.	Licence Agreement including details of Garda Vetting.
Use of lift	Risk of harm by school personnel.	Procedures in place.
Music lessons/Band	Risk of harm by others.	Garda vetting procedures in place. No individual lessons.
Children attending Parish services as Altar Servers	Risk of harm by others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parish procedures in place with parental agreement. - Vetting procedures in place.

Important Note: It should be noted that risk in the context of this risk assessment is the risk of “harm” as defined in the Children First Act 2015 and not general health and safety risk. The definition of harm is set out in Chapter 4 of the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post- Primary Schools 2017

In undertaking this risk assessment, the board of management has endeavoured to identify as far as possible the risks of harm that are relevant to this school and to ensure that adequate procedures are in place to manage all risks identified. While it is not possible to foresee and remove all risk of harm, the school has in place the procedures listed in this risk assessment to manage and reduce risk to the greatest possible extent.

This risk assessment has been completed by the Board of Management on 27th February 2020. It shall be reviewed as part of the school’s annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

Signed 

Date 27th February 2020

Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed 

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Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management

