

Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment (of any potential harm)

List of School Activities	Risk Level	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		If the 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 Staff to view Túsla training module & any other online training offered by PDST BOM records all records of staff and board training
One to one teaching	Med	Risk of harm by school personnel Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision	School has policy in place for one to one teaching Open doors Table between teacher and pupil Glass in window
Care of Children with special needs, including intimate care needs	High	Risk of harm to a child while child is receiving intimate care by school personnel	Policy on intimate care in relation to children with special needs / vulnerable children School has Special Educational Needs policy
Toilet areas	High	Inappropriate behaviour Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision	Usage and supervision policy
Curricular Provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay safe.	Med	Non-teaching of same	School implements SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe in full
Playtime / yard time	Low	Bullying	Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour Staff awareness
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Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils	Med	Harm from older pupils, unknown adults on the playground	Arrival and dismissal supervised by Teachers
Managing of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint	High	Injury to pupils and staff	Restraint Policy Health & Safety Policy Code Of Behaviour Special Educational Needs Policy
Sports Coaches	Med	Harm to pupils by outside school coaches	Policy & Procedures in place School child safeguarding statement made available to outside coaches School adheres to garda vetting in relation to coaches
Students participating in work experience	Low	Harm by student towards pupil	Work experience Policy Child Safeguarding Statement. Student not alone with pupils.
Classroom teaching	Low	Harm by pupil to another pupil not being recognised due to inadequate Code of Behaviour	Child Safeguarding statement made available to all staff Child Protection procedures made available to all staff
One-to-one teaching	High	Harm to pupil by school personnel Risk of inappropriate communication	Door open Window in room Table between teacher & pupil Clear guidelines for teachers involved in one-to-one teaching
Outdoor teaching activities	Med	Harm to pupil by other pupils due to inadequate supervision Harm by school personnel	Pupils always in groups Clear policy & procedures re school outings
Sporting Activities	Med	Harm to pupil by outside coaches due to inadequate supervision	Pupils in groups No one to one Clear school guidelines re sporting activities
After-school club	Low	Harm to pupil	Two after-school carers Child protection guidelines in place School child safeguarding statement made available to staff

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School outings	Med	Harm to pupil by outside personnel (eg tour guides, external staff etc)	School policy followed Staff awareness Child protection guidelines in place A number of staff on outing Pupils always in group
Participation by pupils in religious ceremonies / instruction external to school	Med	Harm to pupil due to inadequate supervision	Always a number of adults present ie teacher brings children to event at church; parental help sought
Use of toilet/changing areas in schools	Med	Harm by pupil especially pupils with SEN who have particular vulnerabilities Risk of harm due to bullying of a child	Pupil use only Junior pupils V senior pupils – separate areas Supervised settings Girls’ area V boys’ area where necessary (changing etc)
Annual Sports Day	Med	Risk of harm due to bullying of a child	School policy followed Staff awareness Child protection guidelines in place Pupils in groups Pupils’ own parents present
Fundraising events involving pupils	Med	Risk of harm to pupil due to inadequate supervision or harm not being recognised by school personnel	Child protection guidelines in place A number of staff / supervisory adults present Children in groups
Use of off-site facilities for school activities	Med	Risk of harm to pupil due to inadequate supervision or harm not being recognised by school personnel	School policy followed Staff awareness Child protection guidelines in place

School transport arrangements when going on trips	Med	Risk of harm to pupil due to inadequate supervision or harm not being recognised by school personnel	School policy followed Staff awareness Child protection guidelines in place Pupils in groups Pupils' own parents present
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Care of any vulnerable pupils, including toileting where needed	High	Harm by pupil especially pupils with SEN who have particular vulnerabilities Risk of harm due to bullying of a child	Child Protection guidelines in place Staff never alone Door open where possible
Management of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint where required	Med	Harm by pupil to another pupil not being recognised due to inadequate Code of Behaviour	Staff not alone Child Protection guidelines in place Door open Room with window
Administration of Medicine Administration of First Aid	High	Risk of harm by school personnel Risk of inappropriate communication	Staff not alone Child Protection guidelines in place Door open Policy re administration of first aid & medicine to pupils
Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils	Med	Risk of harm to pupil due to inadequate Code of Behaviour, due to bullying not being recognised / understood	School policy followed Staff awareness
Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum	High	Risk of harm by external personnel due to inadequate supervision Risk of harm not	After school hours only allowed Child Protection guidelines in place School adheres to garda vetting procedures re

			external personnel
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Care of pupils with specific vulnerabilities/needs such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils from ethnic minorities/migrants • Pupils perceived to be LGBT • Pupils of minority religious faiths • Children in care • Children on CPNS 	Med	Risk of harm by pupil to vulnerable pupil	School policy followed Staff awareness Child protection guidelines in place
Recruitment of school personnel including - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers • SNA's • Caretaker/Secretary/Cleaners • Sports coaches • External Tutors/Guest Speakers • Volunteers/Parents in school activities • Visitors/contractors present in school during school hours • Visitors/contractors present during after school activities 	High	Risk of harm due to inadequate vetting procedures, lack of understanding of Child Protection Guidelines, Inadequate recruitment procedures	Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff Staff to view Tusla training module & any other online training offered by PDST Vetting Procedures Policy of Parents / Volunteers Policy on Visiting Contractors
Use of school premises by other organisation during school day	High	Harm to pupil by external personnel	After school hours only allowed After school hours only allowed Child Protection guidelines in place School adheres to garda vetting re members of other organisations

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Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school	High	Risk of harm through bullying via social media etc	ICT policy Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour
Application of sanctions under the school's Code of Behaviour etc.	High	Risk of harm to pupil being reprimanded	Pupil not alone when being kept in from play / detention / door open / window in room
Student teachers undertaking training placement in school	Med	Risk of harm to pupil due to lack of understanding of Child Protection	Student doesn't teach alone Child protection guidelines in place School adheres to garda vetting re student teachers
Use of video/photography/other media to record school events	High	Harm to pupil via social media...bullying...	Parental consent for photography etc Policy re mobile phones
After school use of school premises by other organisations	High	Harm to pupil by external personnel	After school hours only allowed Child Protection guidelines in place Policy on same distributed to organisations

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 12th March 2018. It will be reviewed as part of the school's annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

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Signed _____ Date _____

Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed _____ Date _____

Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management