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# Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment

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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	High	Harm not recognised or reported promptly by untrained staff members	<p>Child Safeguarding Statement &amp; DES procedures made available to all staff</p> <p>DLP &amp; DDLP to attend PDST face to face training All Staff to view Túsla training module &amp; any other online training offered by PDST</p> <p>BOM keeps all records of staff and board training</p>
One to one teaching	Med	Harm to children by school personnel	<p>School has policy in place for one to one teaching Table is kept between teacher and pupil Glass in door to corridor Parental Permission sought for attendance</p>
Care of Children with special needs, including intimate care needs	High	Harm to children by school personnel	<p>Policy on intimate care available Parental Permission sought Record of daily intimate care needs communicated to parents</p>
Toilet areas	High	Inappropriate behaviour by pupils	<p>Usage and supervision policy in operation Children not permitted in groups to the toilet area Children seek permission to make teacher aware of their whereabouts</p>
Curricular Provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay safe.	Med	Non-teaching of same	<p>School implements SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe in full</p>
LGBT Children/Pupils perceived to be LGBT	Low	Bullying	<p>Anti-Bullying Policy adhered to Code of Behaviour in operation to deal with incidences</p>



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Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils	Med	Harm from other pupils, adults on the playground	Arrival and dismissal supervised by Teachers. Parent communication that yard is unsupervised until 9:10 am daily.
Managing of challenging behaviour amongst pupils	High	Injury to pupils and staff	Health & Safety Policy adhered to Code Of Behaviour in operation Physical Intervention Policy in operation Clear reporting structures for accidents and incidents
Sports Coaches	Med	Harm to pupils	Garda Vetting required for all coaches Child Safeguarding Statement provided Supervision by class teacher at all times Clear reporting structures for accidents and incidents
Students participating in work experience	Low	Harm to children by student	Child Safeguarding Statement provided Garda Vetting required for over 16s Supervision of work experience student by teaching and SNA staff members at all times Work Experience Policy in operation
Recreation breaks for pupils	High	Injury to pupils or staff Harm by older pupils, adults entering the playground	Supervision of children by teachers and SNAs on yard CCTV cameras in operation Pupils ask to enter the building if necessary Adults on playground are accompanied to and from the building by school staff Clear reporting structures for accidents and incidents
Classroom teaching	Low	Harm to children by school personnel	All classrooms have glass in doors Teachers in possession of Child Safeguarding Statement Best practice guidelines are followed by all teachers
Outdoor teaching activities	Med	Injury to pupils Harm from older pupils	Health & Safety Policy adhered to Code of Behaviour in operation Anti-Bullying Policy adhered to Adequate supervision and risk assessment of areas Clear reporting structures for accidents and incidents



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Sporting Activities	Med	Injury to pupils Harm to children by older pupils	Code of Behaviour in operation Anti-Bullying Policy adhered to Adequate supervision for activity Procedures in place for transport to and from activities Child Safety Statement provided to volunteers Clear reporting structures for accidents and incidents
School outings and trips	High	Injury to pupils Harm to pupils by older children or adults	Code of Behaviour adhered to Adequate supervision of pupils on the trip Risk assessment of location for trip Health and Safety procedures adhered to Child Safety Statement adhered to
Annual Sports Day	Med	Injury to pupils Unknown adults on school premises	Health & Safety Policy adhered to Code of Behaviour in operation Adequate supervision of pupils by school personnel Visitor's Policy in operation
Fundraising events involving pupils	High	Injury or harm to pupil Inappropriate behaviour Unknown adults in contact with pupils	Code of Behaviour in operation Adequate supervision of pupils by school personnel Visitor's Policy in operation Parental Permission obtained Child Safeguarding Statement provided
Use of off-site facilities for school activities	Med	Injury or harm to pupils Inappropriate behaviour Unknown adults in contact with pupils	Child Safeguarding Statement Risk assessment of off-site facility Code of Behaviour Adequate supervision of pupils by school personnel Clear reporting structures for accidents and incidents
School transport arrangements	Med	Pupil illness or injury Inappropriate Behaviour	Code of Behaviour in operation Health and Safety Policy adhered to Adequate supervision by school personnel Seatbelt provision on all school transport



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Administration of Medicine Administration of First Aid	High	Injury to pupil Harm to child by school personnel	Administration of Medication Policy in operation Healthcare Plan for designated pupils available Staff training in administration of medication First Aid Policy in operation Child Safeguarding Statement in operation Parental Permission obtained Clear reporting structures for accidents and incidents
Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils	High	Injury to pupils Inappropriate Behaviour	Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour Cyber-Bullying Policy and education of pupils
Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum	High	Harm not recognised or reported promptly by visitor Harm to pupils by external personnel	Child Safeguarding Statement given to all external personnel Supervision by class teacher at all times
Care of pupils with specific vulnerabilities/needs such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pupils from ethnic minorities/migrants</li> <li>• Members of the Traveller community</li> <li>• Lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT) children</li> <li>• Pupils perceived to be LGBT</li> <li>• Pupils of minority religious faiths</li> <li>• Children in care</li> <li>• Children on CPNS</li> </ul>	High	Harm to pupils Inappropriate Behaviour	Anti-Bullying Policy adhered to Code of Behaviour in operation Supervision Policy in operation
Recruitment of school personnel including - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teachers</li> <li>• SNA's</li> </ul>	High	Harm not recognised or not properly or promptly reported Harm to pupils by school personnel Unknown adults on the premises	Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all personnel and volunteers Staff to view Tusla training module & any other online training offered by PDST



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Caretaker/Secretary/Cleaners</li> <li>• Sports coaches</li> <li>• External Tutors/Guest Speakers</li> <li>• Volunteers/Parents in school activities</li> <li>• Visitors/contractors present in school during school hours</li> <li>• Visitors/contractors present during after school activities</li> </ul>			<p>Garda Vetting Procedures in place</p> <p>Visitor's Policy in operation</p>
Use of school premises by other organisation during school day	High	Harm to pupils Unknown adults on the premises	<p>Child Safeguarding Statement provided</p> <p>Supervision Policy in operation</p> <p>Visitor's Policy adhered to</p>
Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school	Med	Bullying	<p>ICT policy/Cyber-bullying Policy in operation</p> <p>Anti-Bullying Policy adhered to</p> <p>Code of Behaviour in operation</p> <p>Supervision by class teacher during school use</p> <p>Education on cyber-bullying during SPHE</p>
Application of sanctions under the school's Code of Behaviour including detention of pupils, confiscation of phones etc.	High	Harm to pupils by school personnel Injury to pupils	<p>Child Safeguarding Statement adhered to</p> <p>Code of Behaviour in operation</p> <p>Supervision Policy in operation</p> <p>Best practice guidelines followed by all staff</p>
Student teachers undertaking training placement in school	Low	Harm to pupils Harm not recognised or properly or promptly reported	<p>Child Safeguarding Statement presented to all student teachers</p> <p>Vetting procedures in place</p> <p>Supervision by class teacher</p> <p>Work Experience Policy in operation</p>
Use of video/photography/other media to record school events	High	Harm to pupils Harm to School Personnel Invasion of Privacy	<p>ICT Policy in operation</p> <p>Media Use Policy adhered to</p> <p>Parental Permission obtained</p>



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**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. It will be reviewed as part of the school's annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

Signed: *John Casey*

Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed: **Noreen Duggan**

Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management