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CHILD SAFEGUARDING RISK ASSESSMENT





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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	High	<p>Harm not being reported promptly by school personnel</p> <p>Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel</p>	<p>All school personnel are provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement</p> <p>The Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017 are made available to all school personnel</p> <p>School Personnel are required to adhere to the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017 and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the Children First Act 2015</p> <p>The school implements in full the Stay Safe Programm Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff</p> <p>DLP & DDLP to attend PDST face to face training All Staff to view Túsla training module & any other online training offered by PDST</p> <p>BOM records all records of staff and board training</p> <p>The school has a codes of conduct for school personnel (teaching and non-teaching staff)</p>
One to one teaching	Med	<p>Harm by school personnel</p> <p>Risk of harm to children with SEN who have particular vulnerabilities</p>	<p>School has policy in place for one to one teaching</p> <p>Open doors</p> <p>Table between teacher and pupil</p> <p>Glass in window</p> <p>The school has a codes of conduct for school personnel (teaching and non-teaching staff)</p>



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Care of Children with special needs, including intimate care needs	High	Harm by school personnel Risk of harm to children with SEN who have particular vulnerabilities	The school has an intimate care policy/plan in respect of students who require such care
Toilet areas	High	Inappropriate behaviour Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children child being harmed in the school by another pupil	Usage and supervision policy School implements SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe in full Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour All mainstream classrooms have en-suite toilets
Curricular Provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay safe.	Med	Non-teaching of same	School implements SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe in full
LGBT Children/Pupils perceived to be LGBT	Low	Bullying	Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour
Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils	Med	Harm from older pupils, unknown adults on the playground Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children Bullying Harm not being reported promptly by school personnel Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel	Parents are informed that pupils must not be on the yard prior to 8:50am as there will be no supervision Arrival and dismissal supervised by Teachers and SNA

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Managing of challenging behaviour amongst pupils.	High	Injury to pupils and staff	Health & Safety Policy Code Of Behaviour School implements SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe in full Anti-bullying policy
Sports Coaches	Med	Harm to pupils by school volunteer/ visitor Harm not recognised or reported promptly	The school has in place a policy and procedures for the use of external sports coaches Child Safeguarding Statement given to them prior to commencement The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting School Personnel are required to adhere to the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017 and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the Children First Act 2015 The school has a codes of conduct for school personnel (teaching and non-teaching staff)
Students participating in work experience	Low	Harm to pupils by person Harm not recognised or reported promptly	Work experience Policy Child Safeguarding Statement given prior to commencement School Personnel are required to adhere to the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017 and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the Children First Act 2015
Recreation breaks for pupils	High	Harm to pupils by other pupils Harm not recognised or reported promptly Inappropriate behaviour Risk of bullying	The school has a yard/playground supervision policy to ensure appropriate supervision of children during breaks etc School Personnel are required to adhere to the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017 and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the Children First Act 2015 Health & Safety Policy

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		Risk of harm to children with SEN who have particular vulnerabilities	Code Of Behaviour School implements SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe in full Anti-bullying policy
Classroom teaching	Low	<p>Harm to pupils by school personnel</p> <p>Harm to pupils by another child</p> <p>Risk of harm due to inappropriate relationship/communications between child and another child or adult</p> <p>Risk of harm to children with SEN who have particular vulnerabilities</p>	<p>All school personnel are provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement</p> <p>The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting</p> <p>School Personnel are required to adhere to the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017 and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the Children First Act 2015</p> <p>The school has a codes of conduct for school personnel (teaching and non-teaching staff)</p> <p>The school has an Anti-Bullying Policy which fully adheres to the requirements of the Department's Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools</p> <p>The school implements in full the Stay Safe, Walk Tall and RSE Programmes</p> <p>Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff</p> <p>Encourage staff to go on relevant training</p> <p>Maintain records</p> <p>The school has in place an ICT policy in respect of usage of ICT by pupils</p>
Outdoor teaching activities	High	Harm not recognised or reported promptly	Supervision and Outdoor activities policy

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		<p>Risk of pupil being harmed by another pupil</p> <p>Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children while attending out of school activities</p> <p>Risk of harm to children with SEN who have particular vulnerabilities</p> <p>Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel, a member of staff of another organisation or other person while child participating in out of school activities</p>	<p>The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting</p> <p>School Personnel are required to adhere to the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017 and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the Children First Act 2015</p> <p>The school implements in full the Stay Safe Programme</p> <p>The school implements in full the SPHE curriculum</p> <p>The school has a codes of conduct for school personnel (teaching and non-teaching staff)</p> <p>Code of Behaviour in place for pupils</p> <p>Anti-Bullying Policy</p>
Sporting Activities	High	<p>Harm not recognised or reported promptly</p> <p>Risk of pupil being harmed by another pupil</p> <p>Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children while attending out of school activities</p> <p>Risk of harm to children with SEN who have particular vulnerabilities</p> <p>Risk of child being harmed by a member of school</p>	<p>The school has in place a policy and procedures for the use of external sports coaches</p> <p>Child Safeguarding Statement given to them prior to commencement</p> <p>The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting</p> <p>School Personnel are required to adhere to the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017 and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the Children First Act 2015</p> <p>The school has a codes of conduct for school personnel (teaching and non-teaching staff)The school has in place a policy and clear procedures in respect of school outings</p>

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		personnel, a member of staff of another organisation or other person while child participating in out of school activities	The school has a supervision policy to ensure appropriate supervision of children during sporting activities
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
Use of toilet/changing/areas when pupils are at matches/sporting events	high	<p>Inappropriate behaviour</p> <p>Harm not recognised or reported promptly</p> <p>Risk of pupil being harmed by another pupil</p> <p>Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children while attending out of school activities</p> <p>Risk of harm to children with SEN who have particular vulnerabilities</p> <p>Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel, a member of staff of another organisation or other person while child participating in out of school activities</p>	<p>The school has in place a policy and clear procedures in respect of school outings</p> <p>The school has a clear policy in place in respect to supervision</p> <p>Code of Behaviour</p> <p>Anti- Bullying policy</p>
Annual Sports Day	low	<p>Inappropriate behaviour</p> <p>Harm not recognised or reported promptly</p>	<p>The school has a clear policy in place in respect to supervision</p> <p>All school personnel are provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement</p>

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		<p>Risk of pupil being harmed by another pupil</p> <p>Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children</p> <p>Risk of harm to children with SEN who have particular vulnerabilities</p> <p>Risk of harm due to bullying</p>	<p>The Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017 are made available to all school personnel</p> <p>School Personnel are required to adhere to the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017 and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the Children First Act 2015</p> <p>The school implements in full the Stay Safe Programm Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff</p> <p>Only staff members participate in the annual sports day</p>
<p>Fundraising events involving pupils</p>	<p>high</p>	<p>Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel</p> <p>Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by school personnel</p> <p>Risk of child being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel</p> <p>Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child</p> <p>Risk of child being harmed in the school by volunteer or visitor to the school</p> <p>Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel, a member of staff of another organisation or</p>	<p>The school has a clear policy in place in respect to supervision</p> <p>All school personnel are provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement</p> <p>The Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017 are made available to all school personnel</p> <p>School personnel are required to adhere to the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017 and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the Children First Act 2015</p> <p>All teachers have received a copy of the "Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers" from the Teaching Council</p>

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		<p>other person while child participating in out of school activities.</p> <p>Risk of harm to inadequate supervision of children in school</p> <p>Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children while attending out of school activities</p>	
School transport arrangements		<p>Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel, a member of staff of another organisation or other person while child participating in out of school activities.</p> <p>Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children in school</p> <p>Risk of harm due to bullying</p>	<p>The school has an Anti-Bullying Policy which fully adheres to the requirements of the Department's Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools</p> <p>The school has in place a Code of Behaviour for Pupils</p> <p>The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting of Bus Escorts</p>
Administration of Medicine Administration of First Aid	med	Harm to pupils	The school has in place a policy and procedures for the administration of Medicine and First Aid
Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils	high	Harm to pupils	<p>The school has an Anti-Bullying Policy which fully adheres to the requirements of the Department's Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools</p> <p>The school implements in full the Stay Safe Programme</p> <p>The school implements in full the SPHE curriculum</p> <p>The school has a clear policy in place in respect to supervision</p>

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<p>Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum</p>	<p>high</p>	<p>Harm to pupils</p>	<p>All school personnel are provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement</p> <p>The Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017 are made available to all school personnel School Personnel are required to adhere to the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017 and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the Children First Act 2015</p> <p>The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting</p>
<p>Care of pupils with specific vulnerabilities/ needs such as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils from ethnic minorities/migrants • Members of the Traveller community • Lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT) children • Pupils perceived to be LGBT • Pupils of minority religious faiths • Children in care • Children on CPNS 	<p>high</p>	<p>Risk of harm due to bullying of child.</p> <p>Risk of the child being harmed by another child in the school</p> <p>Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel</p> <p>Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by school personnel</p> <p>Risk of child being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel</p> <p>Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel, a member of staff of another organisation or other person while child</p>	<p>The school has an Anti-Bullying Policy which fully adheres to the requirements of the Department's Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools</p> <p>The school implements in full the Stay Safe Programme</p> <p>The school has a Special Educational Needs policy</p> <p>The school has an intimate care policy/plan in respect of students who require such care</p> <p>The school implements in full the SPHE curriculum</p> <p>The school has a clear policy in place in respect to supervision</p>



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		participating in out of school activities e.g. school trip, swimming lessons	
<p>Recruitment of school personnel including -</p> <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	<p>Harm not recognised or properly or promptly reported</p> <p>Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel, a member of staff of another organisation or other person while child participating in out of school activities e.g. school trip, swimming lessons</p>	<p>Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff</p> <p>Staff to view Tusla training module & any other online training offered by PDST</p> <p>Vetting Procedures</p> <p>Policy of Parents / Volunteers</p> <p>Policy on Visiting Contractors</p>
<p>Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school</p>	High	<p>Risk of harm due to children inappropriately accessing / using computers, social media, phones and other devices while at school</p> <p>Risk of harm due to bullying of child</p> <p>Risk of harm caused by member of school personnel communicating with pupils in an inappropriate manner via social media,</p> <p>texting, digital device or other manner</p>	<p>The school has in place an AUP Policy in respect of usage of ICT by pupils</p> <p>Pupils are not allowed to have mobile phones in school</p> <p>The school has in place a Code of Behaviour for Pupils</p> <p>The school implements in full the Stay Safe Programme</p> <p>The school implements in full the SPHE curriculum</p> <p>The school has an Anti-Bullying</p> <p>Policy which fully adheres to the requirements of the Department's Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools</p>

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		Risk of harm caused by member of school personnel accessing / circulating inappropriate material via social media, texting, digital device or other manner	
Application of sanctions under the school's Code of Behaviour including detention of pupils, confiscation of phones etc.	High	<p>Risk of the child being harmed by another child in the school</p> <p>Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children in school</p>	<p>The school has in place a code of behaviour for pupils</p> <p>Supervision Policy</p> <p>The school has in place an ICT policy in respect of usage of ICT by pupils</p>
Student teachers undertaking training placement in school	High	<p>Risk of the child being harmed by another child in the school</p> <p>Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel</p> <p>Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by school</p>	<p>All student teachers are provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement</p> <p>The Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017 are made available to all school personnel</p> <p>School Personnel are required to adhere to the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017 and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the Children First Act 2015</p>
Use of video/photography/other media to record school events	High	<p>Risk of harm caused by member of school personnel communicating with pupils in an inappropriate manner via social media, texting, digital device or other manner</p> <p>Risk of harm caused by member of school personnel accessing / circulating inappropriate material via</p>	<p>The school has in place an ICT Policy in respect of usage of ICT by pupils</p> <p>Pupils are not allowed to have mobile phones in school.</p> <p>Parental permission forms allowing consent for a child to be photographed or videoed are obtained.</p>

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		social media, texting, digital device or other manner	
		Risk of harm due to children inappropriately accessing/using computers, social media, phones and other devices.	

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 8th March 2018, reviewed and amended by the BoM on Wednesday 20th October 2021

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

Signed _____ Date _____

Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed _____ Date _____

Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management

Reviewed: 20th October 2021