



Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment (of any potential harm) 2022-2023



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Safeguarding Statement and DES procedures made available to all staff • DLP & DDLP to attend training when made available • All staff to update and take online training and provide evidence of completion to Principal • BOM records all records of staff and board training
Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils	Inadequate supervision Inappropriate behaviour Bullying Flight risks of some pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrival and dismissal supervised by teachers and SNA's • Entrance doors open at 8.55am and are locked at 9.15am • Anti-Bullying policy • Code of Behaviour
One to one teaching	Harm by school personnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procedures in place for one to one teaching in SEN policy • School Response Plan – Covid-19 • Doors with glass windows • Teacher maintains adequate physical distance from all pupils, unless otherwise necessary e.g., child is hurt, ill or distressed
Care of children with special educational needs, including intimate care needs	Harm by school personnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intimate Care policy • Two staff present to attend to intimate care needs • Communication with home and records kept
Use of toilet/changing areas in school	Inadequate supervision Inappropriate behaviour Bullying Flight risks of some pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toilets in some classrooms • Children accessing toilets before and after breaks and during the school day • SNA present • Anti-Bullying policy • Code of Behaviour
Curricular provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe	Non-teaching of same	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPHE, RSE & Stay Safe implemented in full • RSE policy • Teachers own planning, notes and observations
Management of challenging behaviour amongst pupils	Injury to pupils and school personnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health & Safety policy

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code of Behaviour • Accident/Injury policy • Coaches must present Garda vetting and other relevant documentation to school in advance • Class teacher must be present at all times and in charge • Policy on Taking and Using Pupil's Images • Accident/Injury policy • First Aid procedures in place
<p>Use of external personnel to support sports and other extra-curricular activities</p>	<p>Harm to pupils Inadequate supervision</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yard supervision rota in place • Adequate yard supervision in place • Teachers and SNAs visible to all pupils on yard • Recording of incidents and behaviours on yard • Games/structured activities in place 2nd to 6th to minimise conflict/incidents • Play stations in place Infants to 1st to minimise conflict/incidents • Structured play organised for individuals • Code of Behaviour • Anti-Bullying policy • First Aid procedures in place • Accident/Injury policy
<p>Recreation breaks for pupils</p>	<p>Harm to pupils by other pupils Bullying Inappropriate behaviour Inadequate supervision Flight risks of some pupils</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code of Behaviour • Door open if in a room alone with a child • Door open in classroom next door if teacher is called away • Policy on Taking and Using Pupil's Images • Adequate supervision • Adequate planning and preparation by staff • Teacher present at all times • SNAs present • Anti-Bullying policy • Policy on Taking and Using Pupil's Images • First Aid procedures
<p>Classroom teaching</p>	<p>Harm from other pupils and school personnel</p>	
<p>Outdoor teaching activities</p>	<p>Harm from other pupils and school personnel Bullying Inappropriate behaviour Inadequate supervision Flight risks of some pupils Dangers posed by unfamiliar environment</p>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Aid bag with personal medication where required • Accident/Injury policy • Acceptable Usage policy • Policy on Taking and Using Pupil's Images
Online Teaching and Learning	Harm due to inappropriate use of online remote teaching and learning communication platforms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-Bullying policy • Mobile Phone policy • Acceptable Usage policy • Code of Behaviour • NCTE filter on school broadband access • Regular online safety talks for 3rd to 6th • Policy on Taking and Using Pupil's Images
Use of ICT by pupils in school	Harm associated with misuse, abuse of devices and the various associated technologies Bullying	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-Bullying policy • Mobile Phone policy • Acceptable Usage policy • Code of Behaviour • NCTE filter on school broadband access • Regular online safety talks for 3rd to 6th • Policy on Taking and Using Pupil's Images
Sporting activities	Harm from other pupils and school personnel Bullying Inappropriate behaviour Inadequate supervision Flight risks of some pupils Dangers posed by unfamiliar environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-Bullying policy • First Aid procedures • First Aid bag with personal medication where required • Contact list • Adequate supervision • Teacher must be present at all times and in charge • SNA present • Policy on Taking and Using Pupil's Images • Code of Behaviour • Accident/Injury policy
School tours, trips and outings	Harm from other pupils and school personnel Bullying Inappropriate behaviour Inadequate supervision Flight risks of some pupils Dangers posed by unfamiliar environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-Bullying policy • Mobile Phone policy • Accident/Injury policy • First Aid procedures • First Aid bag with personal medication where required • Policy on Taking and Using Pupil's Images
Annual Sports Day	Harm from other pupils and school personnel Bullying Inappropriate behaviour Inadequate supervision Flight risks of some pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-Bullying policy • Mobile Phone policy • Code of Behaviour • All teachers present • All SNAs present • First Aid procedures

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Aid bag with personal medication where required • Accident/Injury policy • Policy on Taking and Using Pupil's Images • Sports Day timetable and organisation circulated to school community in advance • Adequate insurance • Safety statement • First Aid procedures • First Aid bag with personal medication where required • Accident/Injury policy • Event timetable, organisation and procedures circulated to school community in advance • Proper supervision arrangements and collection • Garda vetting for volunteers • Anti-Bullying policy • BOM procedures in place and communicated to individual/group/organisation in advance • Insurance in place by outside groups • All confidential documents are locked away. • Administration of Medication policy • Staff training for specific medical conditions • Staff first aid training • First Aid procedures • First Aid bag with personal medication where required • Accident/Injury policy • Health and Safety policy • Anti-Bullying policy • Mobile Phone policy • Teacher must be present at all times and in charge • SNAs present • Garda vetting for volunteers • Accident/Injury policy • First Aid procedures
Fundraising events involving pupils	<p>Harm from other pupils and school personnel</p> <p>Bullying</p> <p>Inappropriate behaviour</p> <p>Inadequate supervision</p> <p>Flight risks of some pupils</p>	
After school use of school premises by other organisations	<p>Risk of confidential information being viewed/shared</p>	
Administration of Medicine and First Aid	<p>Physical harm to pupils and adults</p>	
Use of off-site facilities for school activities -- swimming, library	<p>Harm from other pupils and school personnel</p> <p>Harm from a member of staff of another organisation or other person while pupil is participating in out of school activities</p> <p>Bullying</p> <p>Inappropriate behaviour</p> <p>Inadequate supervision</p> <p>Physical injury</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Care of pupils with specific vulnerabilities/ needs such as • 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 • Children with medical needs 	Flight risks of some pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Aid bag with personal medication where required • Policy on Taking and Using Pupil's Images • Anti-Bullying policy • Code of Behaviour
<p>Students/Student Teachers participating in work experience in the school</p>	Harm by pupils Bullying	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garda vetting and insurance documentation from colleges • Teacher has overall responsibility of the class and teaching • Work Experience policy
Trainee SNA's undertaking placement	Harm not being recognised by school personnel Harm due to inappropriate relationship/communication between child and adult	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garda vetting in place for Trainee SNA • AUP policy • Policy on Taking and Using Pupil's Images • Procedures in place communicated to individual/group/organisation in advance
School transport arrangements	Harm to pupils by inappropriate communications between child and unknown adult Inadequate supervision Bullying	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-Bullying policy • Code of Behaviour
Visits from External Agencies – DES, Inspectorate, NCSE, TUSLA and others	Harm to pupils by volunteer/visitor to the school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All visitors to report to office • Visitors are not left alone with pupils • Member of school personnel always present
HSE Vaccinations/Hearing and Vision Tests	Harm to pupils by volunteer/visitor to the school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All visitors to report to office • Parents to sign consent form • Testing/Vaccinations to take place in the P.E hall/Computer Room
Recruitment of school personnel including - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers/SNA's 	Harm not recognised or properly or promptly reported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Safeguarding Statement and DES procedures made available to all staff

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff to receive Child Protection training/view TUSLA training module/any other online training offered by PDST • Vetting procedures • School visitors, External Tutors – never unsupervised with children • Agreed disciplinary procedures for teaching staff
<p>Application of sanctions under the school's Code of Behaviour including detention of pupils, confiscation of phones etc.</p>	<p>Harm by school personnel</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code of Conduct for School Personnel • Code of Behaviour reviewed regularly • AUP reviewed regularly • Anti-Bullying policy • Garda vetting of all staff • Teaching and Non-Teaching staff aware of policies
<p>Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils</p>	<p>Bullying not recognised or reported promptly</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code of Behaviour • Anti-Bullying policy • AUP • SPHE policy • School implements SPHE, RSE and Stay Safe
<p>Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum</p>	<p>Inadequate supervision</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personnel must present Garda vetting and other relevant documentation to school in advance • Class teacher must be present at all times and in charge
<p>Participation by pupils in religious ceremonies/religious instruction external to the school</p>	<p>Inadequate supervision Harm to pupils by inappropriate communications between child and another child or adult</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adequate supervision • Code of Behaviour • Accident/Injury policy
<p>Homework Club</p>	<p>Harm from other pupils Bullying Inadequate supervision</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code of Behaviour • Anti-Bullying policy • Adequate supervision • Adequate insurance

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 the _____ 2022. It will be reviewed as part of the school's annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

Signed: Luve Keane - Egan

Date: 26/09/2022

Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed: Goatline O'Leary

Date: Oct 4th 2022

Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management

