

Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment

Written Assessment of Risk of St Joseph's N.S. Dublin Road, Longford. 18178r

In accordance with section 11 of the Children First Act 2015 and with the requirement of Chapter 8 of the *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017*, the following is the Written Risk Assessment of St Joseph's National School

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 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	Harm by school personnel	SEN Policy Garda Vetting. Child Safeguarding Statement. All school personnel will maintain reasonable and effective supervision of pupils. Supervision Policy. Names of DLP and DDLP clearly visible in main entrance. Open doors Table between teacher and pupil Glass in window
Care of Children with special needs, including intimate care needs	Harm by school personnel	Garda Vetting Supervision Policy Staff Training on Child Protection

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Toilet areas	Inappropriate behaviour	Supervision policy
Curricular Provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay safe.	Non-teaching of same	School implements SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe in full
LGBT Children/Pupils perceived to be LGBT	Bullying	Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour Stay Safe Programme
Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils	Harm from other pupils or unknown adults.	Arrival and dismissal supervised by teachers / SNAs CCTV
Managing of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint	Injury to pupils and staff	Health & Safety Policy Code Of Behaviour
Sports Coaches	Harm to pupils	Procedures in place -All school personal will maintain reasonable and effective supervision of pupils. Garda Vetting.
Recreation breaks for pupils	Harm to pupils	Anti-Bullying Policy. Code of Behaviour. Garda Vetting. Child Safeguarding Statement. All school personal will maintain reasonable and effective supervision of pupils. Supervision Policy.
Classroom teaching	Harm to pupils	Anti-Bullying Policy. Code of Behaviour. Garda Vetting. Child Safeguarding Statement. All school personal will maintain reasonable and effective supervision of pupils. Supervision Policy. Names of DLP and DDLP clearly visible in main entrance.

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Outdoor teaching activities	Harm to pupils.	Anti-Bullying Policy. Code of Behaviour. Garda Vetting. Child Safeguarding Statement. All school personnel will maintain reasonable and effective supervision of pupils. Supervision Policy.
Sporting Activities	Harm to pupils.	Anti-Bullying Policy. Code of Behaviour. Garda Vetting. Child Safeguarding Statement. All school personnel will maintain reasonable and effective supervision of pupils. Supervision Policy. Basketball/Football matches/training: two school personnel must travel on bus with pupils. Swimming – two school personnel in changing room with pupils. - Teacher to accompany pupil if they leave swimming lesson to go to the toilet.
Breakfast club	Harm to pupils.	Anti-Bullying Policy. Code of Behaviour. Garda Vetting. Child Safeguarding Statement. All school personnel will maintain reasonable and effective supervision of pupils. Supervision Policy.
School outings/ Tours / Exhibitions	Harm to pupils	Anti-Bullying Policy. Code of Behaviour. Garda Vetting. Child Safeguarding Statement. All school personnel will maintain reasonable and effective supervision of pupils. Supervision Policy.

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Annual Sports Day	Harm to pupils	The School has the following Procedures in place to address risk identified in this assessment Anti-Bullying Policy. Code of Behaviour. Garda Vetting. Child Safeguarding Statement. All school personal will maintain reasonable and effective supervision of pupils. Supervision Policy. Procedures in place - personnel to accompany class teachers.
Fundraising events involving pupils	Harm to pupils	Clear information to parents on their role in provision of supervision. Not mandatory to participate.
Use of off-site facilities for school activities	Harm to pupils	Anti-Bullying Policy. Code of Behaviour. Garda Vetting. Child Safeguarding Statement. All school personal will maintain reasonable and effective supervision of pupils. Supervision Policy. Procedures in place - personnel to accompany class teachers.
School transport arrangements	Harm to pupils	Pupils not permitted to travel in staff vehicles Supervision Policy Two adults accompany pupil.
School transport arrangements including use of bus escorts	Harm to pupils	Two adults accompany pupil. Garda Vetting.
Administration of Medicine	Harm to pupils	Parental Consent Clear instruction given by parents.

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Administration of First Aid	Harm to pupils	Minor injuries treated by school personnel. Parents informed. Serious injuries – parents requested to come to the school.
Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils	Harm to pupils by another pupil	Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour Curriculum - S.P.H.E/Stay Safe/RSE Supervision Policy
Recruitment of school personnel including - - 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	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 Vetting Procedures Policy of Parents / Volunteers Policy on Visiting Contractors Supervision Policy
Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school	Bullying	ICT policy Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour
Application of sanctions under the school's Code of Behaviour including detention of pupils, confiscation of phones etc.	Harm to pupils	Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour Supervision Policy Acceptable Use Policy
Student teachers undertaking training placement in school	Harm to pupils	Garda Vetting. Staff to maintain reasonable and effective supervision. Provision of Joint Agreement from educational institution.
Use of video/photography/other media to record school event	Harm to pupils Recognition of pupils	Anti-Bullying Acceptable Usage Policy / ICT Policy Parents requested not to post digital material on social media

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

Signed Rachel Grealy Date 24/3/2021.

Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed Mrs. O. Egan Date 24.3.21

Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management