

Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment

Written Assessment of Risk of Scoil Phádraig, Ballyhale.

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 Scoil Phádraig, Ballyhale, Co. Kilkenny.

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	Med	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 Túsia training module & any other online training offered by PDST
One to one teaching	Med	Harm by school personnel	BOM records all records of staff and board training One to one teaching is referred to in Special Ed. Policy Open doors or glass in door Table between teacher and pupil
Care of Children with special needs, including intimate care needs	Med	Harm by school personnel	Always two adults present when dealing with intimate care needs.
Toilet areas	High	Inappropriate behaviour	Juniors, Seniors and First class accompanied 2 nd – 6 th in pairs. No more than one pair in each room at a time.
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
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Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils	Med	Harm from older pupils, unknown adults on the playground	Arrival from 9.05a.m. and dismissal supervised by Teachers and SNA's.
Managing of challenging behaviour amongst pupils	Med	Injury to pupils and staff	Health & Safety Policy Code Of Behaviour
Sports Coaches	Med	Harm to pupils	Teacher stays with class while outside coach/teacher is instructing their class.
Students participating in work experience/teaching practice	Low	Harm by student	Work experience Policy Child Safeguarding Statement. Garda Vetting
Recreation breaks for pupils	High	Injury to pupils and staff	Yard Duty rota. Yard Rules. Code of Behaviour, Bullying policy.
Classroom teaching	Low	Harm to pupils	Classroom rules, classroom organisation, Health and Safety Policy.
Outdoor teaching activities	Med	Harm to pupils	Adequate supervision.
Sporting Activities/P.E./matches	Med	Harm by school personnel, unknown adults, other pupils.	Safety equipment if required, Code of Behaviour. Teacher never isolated with just one child, Parents organise lifts to matches, First Aid Kit

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School outings	High	Harm to pupils by unknown adults, could get lost/separated/injured	School Tour Policy, Code of Behaviour, Adequate supervision, Teacher never isolated with just one child
Annual Sports Day	High	Harm to pupils by unknown adults, Injury, Harm by school personnel. More difficult to supervise.	Supervision, teacher must be notified when children are leaving, Code of Behaviour, Anti Bullying Policy, Health and Safety Policy.
Fundraising events involving pupils	Low	Harm to pupils by unknown adults, Injury, Harm by school personnel.	Supervision, Code of Behaviour, Anti Bullying Policy, Health and Safety Policy.
Use of off-site facilities for school activities	High	Harm to pupils by unknown adults, Injury, Harm by school personnel. More difficult to supervise.	Rules of facility being used. Eg. Church, Pool, Parish Hall, Hurling Pitch. Supervision, Code of Behaviour, Teacher never isolated with just one child, rules for toilet use in each facility.
School transport arrangements school tours/swimming	Med	Harm to pupils by unknown adults, Injury, Harm by school personnel. More difficult to supervise.	Good organisation, appropriate instructions, Code of Behaviour, Anti Bullying Policy, Health and Safety Policy.
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Administration of Medicine Administration of First Aid	Med	Harm to pupils by school personnel, allergies, misuse of medication,	Staff Training, Administration of Medication Policy, Action Plans, correct storage, check medication is in date. One First Aid Responder on staff, First Aid kits
Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils	High	Harm to pupils by one another, emotional, verbal and physical.	Anti-Bullying Policy, Code of Behaviour, Health and Safety Policy, adequate supervision, SPHE classes. Mobile Phone Policy.
Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum	Med	Harm to pupils by visiting adult	Adequate supervision, Garda Vetting, Health and Safety.
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Care of pupils with specific vulnerabilities/needs such as <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 	High	Harm to pupils by other pupils, harm by school personnel, bullying, isolation, exclusion, low self esteem	Anti-Bullying Policy, Health and Safety Policy, SPHE lessons, Stay Safe, Code of Behaviour, Child Safeguarding Statement.

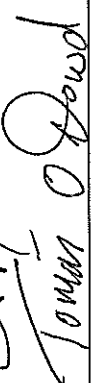
<p>Recruitment of school personnel including -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers • SNA's • Caretaker/Secretary/Cleaners • Sports coaches • External Tutors/Guest Speakers • Volunteers/Parents in school activities • Visitors/contractors present in school during school hours • Visitors/contractors present during after school activities 		<p>Harm not recognised or properly or promptly reported</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>List of School Activities</p>		<p>The School has identified the following Risk of Harm</p>	<p>The School has the following Procedures in place to address risk identified in this assessment</p>
<p>Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school</p>	<p>Med</p>	<p>Bullying, accessing inappropriate material.</p>	<p>ICT policy Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour, Mobile Phone Policy, Internet safety lessons.</p>
<p>Application of sanctions under the school's Code of Behaviour including detention of pupils, confiscation of phones etc.</p>	<p>Med</p>	<p>Harm to pupils</p>	<p>Code of Behaviour, Mobile Phone Policy,</p>
<p>Use of video/photography/other media to record school events</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Harm to pupils</p>	<p>Mobile Phone Policy, Parental Consent Form for use of photographs</p>

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 March 6th 2018. It will be reviewed as part of the school's annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

Signed  Date 14/6/22 Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed  Tomasa O'Dowd Date 14/6/22 Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management