

**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	Harm not recognised or reported promptly	Copies of the Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment Statement have been given to all staff. A hard copy of DES procedures 2017 is available to all staff in the staff room. DLP has attended PDST face-to-face training. DDL P to attend PDST face-to-face training when available. All Staff have completed Túsla on line training module and online training offered by PDST. Tusla certificates have been collected from all school staff, and presented to BOM. School to be registered when PDST training has been completed. BOM Minutes record staff and BOM training.
Classroom Teaching/Special Ed Teaching	Low	Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel. Harm by school personnel.	The school has provided each member of staff with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment Statement. Ensures all new staff members are provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment Statement. Encourages staff to avail of relevant training. Encourages BOM members to avail of relevant training. Maintains records of staff and BOM member training.
Care of children with special needs One to one teaching Movement breaks with SNAs	Med	Harm by school personnel	All of above plus School has policy in place for one to one teaching. Parents of children involved in one to one teaching will be informed and their permission sought. Glass window in doors Work carried out by SNAs will be carried out under the direction of the class teacher in an open environment. SNAs will never take only one child away from the classroom on a movement break.

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Toileting Accidents	Low	Harm by school personnel	School has Intimate Care and Toileting policy in place for dealing with toileting accidents.
Toilet areas	Low	Inappropriate behaviour	Code of Behaviour Toilets in classroom accessed by one child at a time Segregated toilets in classrooms Adult supervision
Curricular provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay safe.	Med	Non-teaching of same	School implements SPHE, RSE, and Stay Safe. Teacher to sign completion form annually which will be presented to BOM.
After-School activities	Med	Harm to children	Garda vetting for adult involved Groups of children, not individual Other adults in building Supervised dismissal by the teacher involved
Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils	Med	Harm from older pupils, unknown adults on the playground	Code of Behaviour Arrival and dismissal supervised by teachers Junior and Senior Infants always handed over to a known adult
Managing challenging behaviour amongst pupils	Low	Injury to pupils and staff	Health & Safety Policy Code Of Behaviour
Recreation breaks for pupils	Med	Bullying	School supervision policy to be followed by all staff. Anti-bullying Policy
School Outings/Sporting Activities	High	Unknown adults Unfamiliar areas Harm by children from other schools	School Tours and Excursion Policy At least two members of staff will accompany pupils.
Annual Sports Day organised by the Parents Council	High	Unknown adults	School policy/tradition is that parents attend with children.

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Participation by pupils in religious ceremonies /religious induction external to school	Med	Harm to pupils	Adult supervision At least two members of staff will accompany pupils.
Administration of Medicine Administration of First Aid	Med	Harm to pupils	Medical and Administration of Medication Policy Accident /Injury Policy
Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils	Med	Harm to pupils School personnel not following correct procedure to deal with bullying	Anti-bullying Policy Preventative work in SPHE
Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum. Use of external personnel to support sport and other extra-curricular activities.	Med	Harm to pupils	Confirmation of Vetting to be provided to Principal Teacher present No unsupervised access to children.
Recruitment of school personnel including - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers • SNAs • Caretaker/Secretary/Cleaners • Sports coaches • ExternalTutors/Guest Speakers • Visitors/contractors present in school during school hours • Visitors/contractors present during after school activities 	High	Harm not recognised, or properly or promptly reported	The school adheres to the requirements of vetting legislation and relevant DES Circulars in relation to recruitment and vetting.

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Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school	Med	Bullying Access to inappropriate material	Internet Acceptable Usage policy Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour No unsupervised access to computers Net filtering No mobile phones in school
Students participating in work experience in the school	Low	Harm to pupils	Confirmation of Vetting from schools/students No unsupervised access to children
Student teachers undertaking training placement in school	Low	Harm to pupils	Confirmation of Vetting from colleges/student teachers No unsupervised access to children
Use of video/photography/other media to record school events	Med	Misuse of digital content	Confirmation of Vetting from video man/photographer No personal photographs, video recording allowed during performances/ceremonies. No up loading of photographs/video of other people's children onto social media. Permission/consent forms signed for all children who will be in video/photographs Children will not be named in class blogs on the school website.

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.

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This risk assessment was ratified by the Board of Management on 19/11/2018, and reviewed on 25/03/2019. It will be reviewed again in 2020 as part of the school's next annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

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