**Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment**

**St. Mary’s N.S., Ballinagare (of any potential harm)**

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| **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 | Low | 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 | Med | Harm by school personnel | School has policy in place for one to one teaching  Open doors  Male teacher always works with more than one pupil at all times.  Table between teacher and pupil  Glass in window and doors. |
| Care of Children with special needs, including intimate care needs | Med | Harm by school personnel | Policy on intimate care in intimate care plans. |
| Toilet areas | High | Inappropriate behaviour | Usage and supervision policy  Buzzer on font door to monitor access to school. |
| 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 |
| **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** |
| Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils | Med | Harm from older pupils, unknown adults on the playground | Arrival and dismissal supervised by Teachers as much as possible. |
| Managing of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint | High | Injury to pupils and staff | Restraint with gates/fencing etc.  Health & Safety Policy  Code Of Behaviour |
| Sports Coaches | Med | Harm to pupils | Policy & Procedures in place  Vetting of all coaches carried out in advance. |
| Students participating in work experience | Low | Harm by student | Work experience Policy  Child Safeguarding Statement. |
| Recreation breaks for pupils | High | Harm/ injury | Supervision policy. |
| Classroom teaching | Low | Harm/ injury. | Classroom rules/ Code of Discipline |
| Outdoor teaching activities | Low | Harm / injury | Supervision policy.  Planning and preparation. |
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| School outings | Med | Sickness / injury  Pupil safety in crowds. | ICT Policy – pupils not allowed to bring devices, phones etc.  School Policy and Procedures for school outings. |
| Fundraising events involving pupils |  | Risk of harm due to environmental factors. | Supervision Policy  Health and Safety Policy. |
| School transport arrangements including use of bus escorts |  | Risk of harm embarking and alighting.  Travel sickness. | Supervision Policy (different arrival times etc. )  Code of Behaviour  Critical Incident Policy |
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| Management of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint where required |  | Harm by school personal….  Injury to pupils and staff. | Withdrawal / Time – Out / Maintaining Prioritising all pupils’ safety and that of staff.  SEN policy.  Code of Behaviour |
| Administration of Medicine  Administration of First Aid |  | Risk of harm to pupil | Policy on administration of medicine  Training of staff member in relation to First Aid. |
| Curricular provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe |  | Risk of bullying | All members comply with Stay Safe/SPHE Curriculum  All staff have copies of Child Protection Guidelines / Paperwork. |
| Training of school personnel in child protection matters |  | Absent / Teachers on leave. Personnel  may miss training events. | CPD training for all staff members including ancillary staff. |
| **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 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. |  |  | Code of Behaviour  Internet and ICT Policy. |
| Students participating in work experience in the school |  | Risk of harm not being recognised / not being promptly reported. | Induction Policy.  Supervision Policy.  Adhering to Garda Vetting legislation. |
| Student teachers undertaking training placement in school |  | Risk of harm not being recognised / or promptly reported. | Induction procedures.  Vetting Legislation etc. |
| Use of video/photography/other media to record school events |  | Risk of harm to pupils by inappropriate circulating of photos etc. | No recordings to be circulated or put up on social media.  Refer to consent list provided by parents for use of imagery etc. |

**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 Tuesday, 13th March. It will be reviewed as part of the school’s annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

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Chairperson, Board of Management

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Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management