

Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment

Written Assessment of Risk of St. Joseph's NS Templarainey

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 NS Templarainey.

1. List of school activities

1. Training of school personnel in Child Protection matters
2. One to one teaching
3. Care of children with special needs, including intimate care needs
4. Toileting / (Shower) with children with special needs
5. Curricular provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe
6. Care of pupils perceived to be LGBT
7. Managing of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including use of restraint where required
8. Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils and recreation breaks for pupils
9. Sports Training with Sports Coaches
10. Student Teachers / SNA / Transition Students participating in work experience
11. School Tours
12. Classroom Teaching
13. Outdoor teaching activities
14. Sporting Activities
15. Annual Sports Day
16. After School Activities e.g. Choir, Bootcamp, Homework Club, GAA, Language Classes, Coding
17. Use of off-site facilities for school activities e.g. Sports Centre, Nature Walks, Swimming Pool, Walks to pond / playground / library / pyramid, Arklow Music Festival, Peace Proms, Cumann na mBunscoil, Credit Union Quiz, Science Modules (St. Kevin's)
18. School transport arrangements including use of bus escorts
19. Administration of First-Aid
20. Administration of Medicine
21. Use of video / photography / other media to record school events
22. Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils
23. Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum
24. Care of pupils with specific vulnerabilities / needs e.g. pupils from ethnic minorities, Members of the travelling community, pupils of minority religious faiths, children in care
25. Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school
26. Recruitment of school personnel including
 - Teachers
 - SNA's
 - Caretaker / Secretary / Cleaners
 - Sports Coaches
 - External Guest Speakers / Tutors
 - Volunteers / Parents in school activities
 - Visitors / Contractors present in school during school hours / school activities
27. Application of sanctions under the school's Code of Behaviour including detention of pupils or confiscation of phones etc.
28. Participation in religious ceremonies external to school

2. The school has identified the following risk of harm in respect of its activities -

1. Harm not recognised or reported promptly
2. Harm in the school by a member of the school personnel
3. Risk of harm to a child while receiving intimate care
4. Inappropriate behaviour or risk of a child being harmed
5. Non-teaching of same
6. Risk of harm due to bullying by a child
7. Inappropriate behaviour or injury to pupils and staff
8. Harm from pupils or unknown adults in the playground
9. Risk of harm to pupils in the school by volunteer or visitor to the school
10. Risk of harm to pupils in the school by volunteer or visitor to the school
11. Harm to a child by a member of the school personnel / member of staff of another organisation
12. Risk of harm to a child by a member of school personnel
13. Risk of harm to a child by a member of school personnel / risk due to inadequate supervision
14. Risk of harm to a child by a member of school personnel or another child
15. Risk of harm to a child by a member of school personnel or another pupil
16. Risk of harm to a child by a member of school personnel, volunteer or visitor to the school
17. Harm to a child by a member of the school personnel / member of staff of another organisation
18. Harm to a child by adult personnel
19. Harm to child
20. Harm to child
21. Risk of harm to a pupil due to inappropriate use of material by a member of school personnel or visitor
22. Inappropriate behaviour
23. Harm to students by external personnel / visitors to the school
24. Inappropriate behaviours directed towards children with specific vulnerabilities / needs
25. Risk of harm by a member of school personnel or another child communicating with another child inappropriately via texting, social media, digital device or other manner
26. Harm not recognised or promptly reported / Risk of being harmed by volunteer or visitor to the school
27. Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision / inappropriate communication
28. Harm to a child by a member of school personnel / unknown adults
29. Risk of Harm due to Covid-19

3. The school has the following procedures in place to address the risks of harm identified in this assessment -

1. 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
2. School has policy in place for one to one teaching as part of SEN Policy
Open doors / Table between teacher and pupil
Glass in window
3. School has policy on intimate care as part of Medication and Personal Care Policy
4. School has Health and Safety Policy
School has in place a Code of Behaviour for pupils
School has policy on toileting as part of Medication and Personal Care Policy
5. School implements SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe in full
6. School has an Anti-Bullying Policy which fully adheres to the requirements of the DES
Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools
7. SNA's have completed manual handling course
School has a Health & Safety Policy
School has a Code Of Behaviour for pupils
8. School has a supervision policy to ensure appropriate supervision of children during arrival, dismissal and recreation breaks
9. School has Policy & Procedures in place as part of PE Policy and School adheres to requirements of Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars
10. School has in place a policy and procedures in respect of students undertaking work experience in the school
School adheres to requirements of Garda Vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars
11. School has in place a policy and clear procedures in respect of school outings
12. School personnel are required to adhere to the *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017* and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the *Children First Act 2015*
13. School has in place a Health and Safety Policy
School has a Supervision Policy
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14. School has in place a Code of Behaviour for pupils, a Health and Safety Policy, Supervision Policy

15. The school has in place a Code of Behaviour for children
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17. The school has in place a Supervision Policy
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School adheres to requirements of Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars
18. School adheres to requirements of Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda Vetting
19. School has in place a First Aid Policy as part of Health and Safety Policy
20. School has in place a policy and procedures for the administration of medication to pupils as part of the Medication and Personal Care Policy
21. School has procedures in place as part of Data Protection Policy
22. School has an Anti-Bullying Policy which fully adheres to the requirements of the DES Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools
School has in place a Code of Behaviour Policy
23. School has a Supervision Policy in place
School adheres to requirements of Garda vetting legislation
24. School has an Equality Policy in place
25. The school has an Acceptable Usage Policy in place
School has an Anti-Bullying Policy which fully adheres to the requirements of the DES Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools
School has in place a Code of Behaviour Policy
26. Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff
Staff to view Tusla training module & any other online training offered by PDST
School adheres to requirements of Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda Vetting
27. The school has a code of conduct for school personnel (teaching and non-teaching staff)
28. The school has in place a Supervision Policy
29. The School has a Covid-19 Policy; Covid Response Plan; Updated Health and Safety Policy, Data Protection Policy; Anti-Bullying Policy; Critical Incident Policy; Code of Behaviour Policy; Acceptable Usage Policy

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 16/09/2020. It shall be reviewed as part of the school’s annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

Signed: Linda McEvoy Date: 16/09/2020
Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed Máire Daltúin Date: 16/09/2020

Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management