



### 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	Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff  DLP & DDLP to attend PDST face to face training  All Staff viewed Túsla training module & received cert  DLP & DDLP viewed online training offered by PDST  BOM records all records of staff and board training
One to one teaching	Low	Harm by school personnel	School has policy in place for one to one teaching  Table between teacher and pupil  Glass in window
Toilet areas	High	Inappropriate behaviour	Supervision policy  Yard – Pupils are encouraged to use the toilet before break One member of staff on yard duty is responsible for giving permission to pupils to use toilet.  Pupils attending SEN – 2 pupils are sent back together to their classroom if a pupil needs to use the toilet.
Curricular Provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay safe.	Med	Non-teaching of same	School implements SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe



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LGBT Children/Pupils perceived to be LGBT	Low	Bullying	Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour
Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils	Med	Harm from older pupils, unknown adults on the playground	Arrival and dismissal supervised by Teachers  Teacher walks class to school door  Names & contact details of adults who have permission to collect each child are provided by parents at the beginning of the school year.  If an unknown adult calls to collect a child (eg. a family friend, aunt, uncle, cousin etc.) and the school has not been informed beforehand by parents, the parent is contacted to confirm the child has permission to go with that adult.
Late drop off, early collection, late pick up, attendance	Med	Negative impact on pupils progress	Children who are dropped to or collected from school more than 10 minutes late are signed in or out of the 'Leabhar Tinrimh' by an adult. The school discusses punctuality with parents if children are regularly late.  Children's attendance at school will be monitored with absence notes required for all missed days. Contact is made with parents whose children reach a certain threshold.  Significant attendance concerns are reported to the Education Welfare Officer.
Sports Coaches	Med	Harm to pupils	Policy & Procedures in place Teacher present Vetting



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Students participating in work experience/placement/teaching practice	Med	Harm by student	Work Experience Policy Child Safeguarding Statement. Vetting
Recreation breaks for pupils	High	Access to pupils by strangers  Risk of harm from other pupils	Adequate Supervision  Recording of Accidents in Leabhar na dTimpistí
Classroom teaching	Low	Harm to pupils	Child Safeguarding Statement.  Child Protection Training  Vetting
Outdoor teaching activities	High	Access to pupils by strangers  Dangers posed by unfamiliar environment	Adequate planning and preparation by staff  Adequate supervision  Policies & Procedures in place
Sporting Activities	High	Access to pupils by strangers  Dangers posed by unfamiliar environment  Accidents	Adequate planning and preparation by staff  Adequate supervision  Policies & Procedures in place  Swimming Pool-No pupil is allowed enter the dressing rooms until all members of the public have vacated it.  Games/matches – Adequate supervision Where girls and boys play on the same team, there will always be separate changing areas.
School outings	High	Access to pupils by strangers  Dangers posed by unfamiliar environment	Adequate planning and preparation by staff  Adequate supervision  Policies & Procedures in place



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		Accidents Inappropriate behaviour	No mobile phones or recording devices permitted.
School trips involving overnight stay	High	Access to pupils by strangers Dangers posed by unfamiliar environment Accidents Inappropriate behaviour	Adequate planning and preparation by staff Adequate supervision Policies & Procedures in place No mobile phones or recording devices permitted 24 hour supervision is provided by Killary Adventure Centre with teachers remaining on site, moving between activities.
Fundraising events involving pupils & other school events	High	Access to pupils by strangers	Access to school via front door only Adequate supervision No access to upstairs Planning & preparation
Use of off-site facilities for school activities	High	Access to pupils by strangers Flight risk Danger posed by unfamiliar environment Use of toilets	Adequate supervision Planning & preparation An adult to accompany pupil to toilet
School transport arrangements	High	Access to strangers Inappropriate activity	Vetting of bus drivers For school tours – Adequate supervision, teachers seated further back the bus, not on front seat.



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Administration of Medicine Administration of First Aid	High	Harm to pupils	Administration of Medicines Policy  Class lists of pupils with any medical conditions to be stored centrally in office, in the event of class teacher being absent.
Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils	High	Harm to pupils	Anti-Bullying Policy  Adequate supervision to ensure codes are being followed
			All parents sign to accept the school's Cód Smachta Promotion of a culture of openness & respect in which students can approach staff to discuss concerns & worries. Anti- Bullying month & Friendship Week  Restorative Practices implemented to resolve conflict  Teaching of programmes such as the Friendship Formula
Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum	Med	Harm to pupils	Procedures & Policies  Vetting
Care of pupils with specific vulnerabilities/needs such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pupils from ethnic minorities/migrants</li> <li>• Members of the Traveller community</li> <li>• Lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT) children</li> <li>• Pupils perceived to be LGBT</li> </ul>	High	Potential for bullying	Anti-Bullying Policy



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pupils of minority religious faiths</li> <li>• Children in care</li> </ul>			
<p>Recruitment of school personnel including -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teachers</li> <li>• SNA's</li> <li>• Caretaker/Secretary/Cleaners</li> <li>• Sports coaches</li> <li>• External Tutors/Guest Speakers</li> <li>• Visitors/contractors present in school during school hours</li> <li>• Visitors/contractors present during after school activities</li> </ul>	Med	Harm not recognised or properly or promptly reported	<p>Child Safeguarding Statement &amp; DES procedures made available to all staff</p> <p>Staff to view Tusla training module &amp; any other online training offered by PDST</p> <p>Vetting Procedures</p> <p>Policies &amp; Procedures in place, including signing of Visitors book.</p>
<p>Use of school premises by other individuals/tutors during or after school day</p>	Low	Harm to pupils	<p>Vetting</p> <p>Insurance</p> <p>Responsible for the review &amp; implementation of their own Child Protection Policy &amp; provide the school with written assurance of same.</p>
<p>Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school</p>	High	Bullying	<p>AUP policy</p> <p>Anti-Bullying Policy</p> <p>Anti-Cyberbullying Policy</p> <p>Code of Behaviour</p> <p>Information sessions for pupils, parents &amp; staff.</p> <p>Use of electronic devices in school is guided by the school Acceptable Usage Policy</p>



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			School internet is provided by PDST Technology in Education which is monitored for inappropriate content and unsuitable websites blocked.
Application of sanctions under the school's Code of Behaviour including detention of pupils, confiscation of phones etc.	Med	Potential harm to pupils	Code of Discipline  Mobile phones are not allowed in school or on school trips.
Use of video/photography/other media to record school events	High	Parents sharing/posting same on social media.	Relevant policies & procedures in place.  Written parental permission to take photos of children is obtained by the school.  No name will appear with photos uploaded to the school website.  Photos taken at school/school events are stored securely on the school storage system.
Access	Low	Access to pupils by strangers or other adults.  Flight risk	Central access system in place and magnetic lock on doors. Visitors have to buzz to gain access, which is governed by receptionist.  Pupils not allowed in front of school, unless for specific events such as Active School Initiatives and always monitored by adult supervision  A sign in – sign out system operates in the school. All visitors to the school must sign this book.

**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*



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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management