

Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment

Written Assessment of Risk of Scoil Muire Banríon

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 Muire Banríon.

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. Staff to view Tusla training module & any other online training offered by PDST 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
Recruitment of school personnel including <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 	High	Harm not recognised or properly or promptly reported	Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff Vetting Procedures- all will have to be Garda vetted

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Classroom teaching	Low	Risk of child being harmed by another child Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children in school	Teacher remains in classroom supervising their class Code of Behaviour SEN Policy
Managing of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint	Med	Risk of child being harmed by another child Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel Injury to pupils and staff	Code Of Behaviour SEN Policy Health & Safety Policy Restraint Policy will be drawn up if it is necessary and restraint training will be sought
Application of sanctions under the school's Code of Behaviour including detention of pupils, confiscation of phones etc.	Low	Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision Risk of harm due to bullying of child	Code of Behaviour Mobile Phone Policy
One to one teaching	Low	Risk of child being harmed by school personnel	All staff are Garda vetted SEN Policy For all 1to1 teaching staff either leave door of room open or there is a glass window in the door
Outdoor teaching activities	Low	Risk of child being harmed by an adult not associated with the school Risk of child being harmed by another child Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision	Supervision Policy in place For activities off the school grounds class teacher along with a SEN teacher will accompany the class
Care of Children with special needs, including intimate care needs	Low	Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel Risk of harm to child while child is receiving intimate care Risk of harm to child with SEN who has particular vulnerabilities	All staff are Garda vetted SEN Policy Training for school staff with regard to intimate care needs if the need arises Policy on intimate care to be drawn up if need arises
Use of Toilet/Showering areas by children and visitors to the school	Med	Risk of child being harmed by another child Risk of child being harmed by a visitor to the school Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children	Visitors to only use staff toilets Signs to be placed at entrance to toilets saying they are for children's use only Children to use toilet in prefabs only during breaktimes

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Changing Areas	Low	Risk of child being harmed by another child Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children	Children to get changed for school events (Christmas Play, Communion Photos) in the classroom. Teacher not to be in room with only one student. Parents who are assisting with clothing changes to do so in a classroom and only with their own child Children changing uniform due to toilet accidents or dirty uniform to change themselves
Curricular Provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay safe.	Low	Non-teaching of curriculum	School legally obliged to and implements SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe in full
Care of Pupils with specific vulnerabilities -LGBT Children/Pupils perceived to be LGBT -Members of the Traveller Community -Minority Religious Faiths -Children in Care	Low	Risk of harm due to bullying of child Risk of self harm	Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour SPHE Policy The school promotes an acceptance of all cultures and faiths through activities like: Intercultural Day. Green School Activities and RE
Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school	Low	Risk of harm due to bullying of child (including cyberbullying) Risk of harm to child by others Risks of harm due to inadequate supervision of children	Acceptable Use Policy ICT Policy Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour Mobile Phone Policy All internet connections are filtered through PDST Teacher to be in room supervising use of ICT
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Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils	Med	Risk of harm due to inappropriate communication/relationship with adults Risk of harm to child due to inadequate supervision on arrival	Children are supervised from 9am when the gates are opened Adults in school until 5pm Junior Infants cannot leave school unless an adult known to teacher comes to collect them Children are taught each year to return to the school if they have not been collected Parents notified in newsletters/notes etc. that gates of school do not open until 9am Arrival and dismissal supervised by Teachers
School transport arrangements	Med	Risk of child being harmed by another adult Risk of harm due to bullying Risk of harm to child due to inadequate supervision	School to make parents aware that transport to school (buses) is not organised by the school
Recreation breaks for pupils	Low	Risk of child being harmed by another child Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children	Supervision policy in place Parents to notify school if someone different is collecting child from school Classes collected from yard by class teacher SEN teachers have an area to supervise as children enter and exit the school
Children carrying out messages	Low	Risk of child being harmed by an adult	If children are being sent on a message then 2 children are sent
Access to school grounds/building	High	Risk of child being harmed by another child Risk of child being harmed by a visitor to the school Risk of child being harmed by an unknown adult Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children	Gates are locked during the school day and access is only through 1 gate (Car Park Gate) CCTV has been installed to the exterior of the school building Children collected by SEN Teacher when being withdrawn from classroom
Administration of Medicine Administration of First Aid	Low	Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children	Health & Safety Policy Parents are contacted immediately if there is concern around child's well being Members of staff have undertaken training in First Aid

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Collection of Children from Yard	Low	Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children	Supervision Policy Health & Safety Policy Gates accessing school are locked during the school day If parent comes to collect child early teacher gets child and collects school bag from classroom and lets class teacher know
Children being kept from yard due to illness/injury/other reason	Low	Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children	Supervision Policy Children are kept in classroom closest to staffroom so they can be supervised from there
Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils	Med	Risk of harm due to bullying of child	SPHE Policy Anti Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour
Children leaving early during the school day -collection of children	Low	Risk of child being harmed by an unknown adult	Children leaving school during the day must be collected by an adult. This person will call to classroom to collect the child. Class teacher will ensure they recognise or the child recognises who is collecting them.
Children who are sick during the school day	Low	Risk of child being harmed by an unknown adult	If children are sick during the school day the class teacher will ring the parent. This person will call to classroom to collect the child. Class teacher will ensure they recognise or the child recognises who is collecting them. If child is extremely sick and no contact can be made with family 2adults will bring the child to the doctor
Homework club	Low	Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children Risk of child being harmed by another child	Teacher remains in classroom supervising the homework club Code of Behaviour
Breakfast club	Low	Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children Risk of child being harmed by another child/adult	All staff are Garda vetted Parental consent obtained before engaging in the breakfast club

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Mass & Children Leaving funerals etc(External to the School)	High	Risk of child being harmed by an unknown adult Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children	Children are currently unsupervised on way & returning to school following mass/funeral etc.
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Use of video/photography/other media to record school events	Low	Risk of harm caused by member of school personnel circulating/accessing inappropriate material via social media etc. Risk of harm due to bullying of child	Acceptable Use Policy ICT Policy Anti Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour Photos and videos of children from school events are stored on the school server When uploading photos to website/Twitter etc. only the first name of the child is used and where possible groups of children are photographed
Use of offsite facilities for school activities St Josephs Hall Derry Rovers Council Field	Low	Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision Risk of child being harmed by another adult	Supervision Policy
Sporting Activities	Low	Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision Risk of child being harmed by another adult	Supervision Policy
External Sports Coaches to support Curriculum	Low	Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision Risk of child being harmed by another adult/child	Supervision Policy PE Policy All coaches must be garda vetted Teacher must supervise their class when an external coach is working in the school
Swimming	Med	Risk of child being harmed by an unknown adult Risk of child being harmed by another child Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel Risk of child with SEN who has	PE Policy SPHE Policy Staff Garda Vetted Swimming Pool closed to public during school lessons Note goes to parents to emphasis children should be able to change into and out of their swimming gear

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		particular vulnerabilities Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision	
School trips involving overnight stay	Med	Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personal Risk of child being harmed by another child/adult	Supervision Policy Code of Behaviour School Tours & Excursions Policy Teachers to make contact with host venue with regard to procedures they have in place
School outings	Low	Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision Risk of child being harmed by another child/adult	Code of Discipline Supervision Policy School Tours & Excursions Policy
Annual Sports Day	Med	Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personal Risk of child being harmed by another child/adult	Supervision Policy Code of Behaviour Enough Supervision present, Parents Association volunteer
Fundraising events involving pupils	Low	Risk of child being harmed by another adult	Children if involved in fundraising activities are told to only call to houses they know and to go out with an adult
Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum	Low	Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision Risk of child being harmed by another adult	SPHE Policy Supervision Policy All professionals must be garda vetted Teacher must supervise their class when an external coach is working in the school Use of external personnel will come from recommendations by other schools/INTO etc.
Guest Speakers to the school	Low	Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision Risk of child being harmed by another adult	SPHE Policy Supervision Policy All professionals must be garda vetted Teacher must supervise their class when a guest speaker is working in the school
Visitors to the school	Low	Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision Risk of child being harmed by another adult	SPHE Policy Supervision Policy Teacher must supervise their class when a visitor is working with their class in the school

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			Visitors will not have access to students without teacher supervision
Student teachers undertaking training placement in school	Low	Risk of child being harmed by another adult Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision	Appropriate vetting will already be in place Class teacher will be in the room supervising also
Students participating in work experience	Low	Risk of child being harmed by another child/ adult	Will only have contact with pupils when a teacher is present.
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Use of school premises by other organisation during school day	Low	Risk of child being harmed in the school by another adult	Any organisation using the school premises during the day have no interaction with the students of the school.
After school use of school premises by other organisations	Low	Risk of child being harmed in the school by another adult	Health and Safety Policy Staff members are in school in the morning to ensure school is safe to open before children have access to building
Access to other services by the children during the school day Social Workers School Completion Project Worker Neps Psychologists Barnardos	Low	Risk of harm due to inappropriate relationship/communications between child and adult Risk of harm in 1to1 teaching, counselling etc	Parental consent is always sought before children work with any adults in these services Any member of these services is Garda vetted For all 1to1 situations all of these professionals will either leave door of room open or there is a glass window in the door

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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 [date]. It shall be reviewed as part of the school’s annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

Signed: Fr PJ McEvoy Date: _____

Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed: Nicola McMahan Date: _____

Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management