

## St. Mary's NS Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment 2022

List of School Activities	Risk Level	We have identified the following Risk of Harm	We have 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 All staff personnel made aware of the DLP (Mr Paul O'Connor) & DDLP (Mr Ciarán Giblin, Ms Aoife Whyte) Child Protection procedures will be discussed and noted at all Staff Meetings. Checklist to ensure all staff have CSS and read the same. DLP& DDLP to attend PDST face to face training and further training as necessary. BOM records details of staff training
Curricular Provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay safe, Walk Tall	Med	Non-teaching of same	School implements SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe in full. In-service is provided for staff on a regular basis for areas of the SPHE Programme. Review of policies to be carried out.
One to one teaching	Med	Harm by school personnel	Prioritise guidelines for one to one teaching Glass in the window of all SET doors. Principal to leave the door open when talking to children in office.
Outdoor teaching activities	Low	Harm to pupil	Extra supervision Children to go to toilets in pairs when class are outdoors with class at PE, break times.....etc
Care of Children with special needs, including intimate care needs	Med	Harm by school personnel	Intimate Care Policy
Toilet areas	High	Inappropriate behaviour	Code of Behaviour policy

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LGBT Children/Pupils perceived to be LGBT Pupils from ethnic minorities/migrants Pupils of minority religions or faith Members of the travelling community Children in care	High	Bullying	Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour SPHE Programme Worry Boxes Anti Bullying and Friendship Signs/Notice boards. Guest speakers /Workshops CPD training by staff
Managing of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint	High	Injury to pupils and staff	Health & Safety 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 Principal, Deputy Principal and Assistant Principals Code of Behaviour Children are brought to the secretary's office by parents who arrive late to school or collected from the office if leaving early. Exterior doors of the main building are kept closed during school hours.
Administration of Medicine/First Aid	Med	Harm to pupils	Administration of medicine policy Indemnity form for specific administration of medicine to be signed by parents. Teacher/SNA'S to be trained for children with specific medical conditions, e.g. diabetics, nut allergies. First Aid training to be carried out by all staff members every two years. First Aid officer to check medical supplies on a regular basis.
Sporting Activities- Team Sports	High	Injury to pupils Safe transport	No changing into playing gear in Hall (jerseys only) Two teachers go to matches and remain with children that are being collected after matches. Only teachers have access to changing rooms.
Swimming	High	Harm to pupils Inappropriate behaviour	Teacher walks to the pool with a vetted adult. Only teachers and vetted adults have access to changing rooms.

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School outings- for example: school tours, trips to library, church....etc	Med	Harm to pupils	Code of Behaviour Vetted volunteers only
School transport arrangements including use of bus escorts	Low	Harm to pupils	Children will not be left unsupervised on any bus. They will always be accompanied by a teacher/SNA or vetted parent.
External tutors/guest speakers Parental Volunteers for school activities/Fundraising events Visitors/Contractors Cleaners	Med	Harm to pupils.	All external tutors to be garda vetted. Visitors do not have unsupervised access to <i>children</i> . <i>All parental volunteers to be garda vetted</i> Contractors will only be on site outside school hours.
After school use of school premises by other organisations	Med	Harm to pupils	Individual insurance to be provided All personnel to be garda vetted. All personnel to receive Child Safeguarding Statement Children do not change in GP room/Hall
Students participating in work experience/ teacher placement and substitute teachers.	Low	Harm by student	Child Safeguarding Statement given to all students. All work experienced students, work placement teachers and substitute teachers must be over the age of 16 and garda vetted.
Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils to include application of sanctions under the school's Code of Behaviour including detention, suspension, expulsion of pupils, confiscation of phones etc.	High	Harm to pupils	Anti Bullying Policy Assemblies (Friday) Code of Behaviour Policy Anti Bullying record books Yard record books Worry Boxes Friendship and Anti Bullying posters/notice boards Guest Speakers/Workshops

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Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school	Med	Bullying	ICT policy Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour Data Protection Policy Acceptable Use Policy
Use of video/photography/other media to record school events, eg concerts, sports day, sacraments.....etc.	High	Harm to pupils	Parents will be informed via letter/email/announcement at event at or prior to the date of their responsibility towards the use of cameras to photograph/video children. Data protection policy Adequate supervision will be provided. Only school personnel will undertake supervision duties.
Recreation breaks for pupils	High	Harm/Injury to pupils	Code of Behaviour, Use of yard record books.

**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 was completed by the Board of Management in February 2020. It will be reviewed as part of the school's annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement in February 2020.

Role	Signature	Date
Chairperson of BOM	Pat O'Connor	14-03-2022
Principal	Paul O'Connor	14-03-2022