

Ballinlough NS



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 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 Table between teacher and pupil Glass in window
Care of Children with special needs, including intimate care needs	Med	Harm by school personnel	Policy on intimate care
Toilet areas	High	Inappropriate behaviour	Usage and supervision policy— young children not permitted to go out to toilets on their own. Teacher brings class as a group.
Curricular Provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay safe.	Med	Non-teaching of same	School implements SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe in full
Friendship Squad-older children assisting younger children	High	Harm from older pupils	Abolishment of current practice
Managing of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint	High	Injury to pupils and staff	Restraint Policy Health & Safety Policy Code Of Behaviour



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Sports Coaches	Med	Harm to pupils	Policy & Procedures in place Teacher will be present at all times with coach
Open entrance area close to toilets-	High	Harm to pupils by external personnel	Doors need to be closed- buzzer system in place
Participation of pupils in religious ceremonies	High	Harm to pupils by external personnel	Vetting Procedures Policy of Parents / Volunteers Policy on Visiting Contractors
Volunteers, parents in school activity	low	Harm to pupils by external personnel	Vetting Procedures Policy of Parents / Volunteers Policy on Visiting Contractors
Swimming-changing area	med	Harm to pupil by school/ external personnel	Vetting Procedures Policy of Parents / Volunteers
Outside visitors/tutors/coaches/speakers	med	Harm to pupil by external	Supervision policy-teacher present at all times Vetting Procedures Policy on Visiting Contractors
Sporting Activities	med	Parents assisting in transport of pupils to matches	Vetting Procedures Policy of Parents / Volunteers
Homework club/evening study	low	Harm to pupils	Vetting procedures All Staff to view Túsla training module & any other online training offered by PDST Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff



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P.E:	low	Harm to pupils	Tracksuit must be worn- girls cannot participate in Physical Education if wearing skirts
School Concert-changing area in hall	med	Bullying, harm to pupils	Supervision policy
Use of ICT by pupils	low	Bullying	ICT policy Acceptable Usage policy Bulling/cyberbullying policy
School outings	low	Harm to pupils	Supervision policy in place- pupil/teacher ratio-extra teachers attend school trips/outings
Care of pupils with specific vulnerabilities/ needs such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils from ethnic minorities/migrants • Members of the Traveller community • Lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT) children or perceived to be LGBT • Pupils of minority religious faiths • Children in care 	low	Harm to pupils	Anti- bullying policy Code of conduct polict Walk tall/ Stay safe programmes completed
Recruitment of school personnel including - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers • SNA's • Caretaker/Secretary/Cleaners 	med	Harm not recognised or properly or promptly reported	Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff Staff to view Tusla training module & any other online training offered by PDST Vetting Procedures
Student teachers undertaking training placement/work experience in school	low	Harm to pupils	Garda Vetting Teacher present at all times



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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 *[insert date]*. 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