

Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment

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.	Low	Harm not recognised or reported promptly	Child Safeguarding Statement and DES procedures made available to all staff. DLP and DDLP to attend PDST face to face training. All staff to view Túsia training module and any other online training offered by PDST. BOM members to avail of training for Board of Management when offered. 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 if possible. Policy on intimate care
Care of children with special needs, including intimate care needs.	Med	Harm by school personnel	St. Flannan's NS implements SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe in full
Curricular Provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe	Low	Non-teaching of same	Arrival and dismissal supervised by teachers and SNAs.
Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils	Med	Harm from older pupils, unknown adults in the school grounds.	Secure locked door at beginning of class and throughout the day – access only via Reception area.
Managing of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint.	High	Injury to pupils and staff	Training for staff Health & Safety Policy Code of Behaviour
Sports Coaches	Med	Harm to pupils	Policy & Procedures in place Garda Vetting before arrival
Recreation breaks for pupils	Med	Harm to pupils Bullying	Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour First Aid Policy



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School Outings		Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of pupils while attending school outings	Supervision by all staff. Vetting of personnel at venue beforehand School Policy on Outings
Annual Sports Day	Low	Risk from visitors	Supervision by all staff. Classes stay together with supervision
Fundraising events involving pupils	Low	Risk of harm	All activities during school time fully supervised.
Use of off-site facilities for school activities e.g. swimming	Med	Risk of harm by a member of staff or another organisation or other person while pupils attending out of school activities	Class accompanied by Class Teacher Swimming Policy for St Flannans NS Swimming Pool Child Protection Policy
School transport arrangements including use of bus escorts	Med	Risk of harm by	Vetting of Escorts Compliance of Child Protection
Administration of Medicine	Low	Harm to pupil	Policy on Administration of Medication in place
Administration of First Aid			Policy on administration of First Aid
Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils			Code of behaviour
Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum	Low	Risk of harm to pupil	Class Teacher always present Garda Vetting of personnel
Care of pupils with specific vulnerabilities/needs such as	Med	Risk of bullying	Code of behaviour Policy Anti-bully Policy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils from ethnic minorities/migrants Members of the Traveller community Lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT) children Pupils perceived to be LGBT Pupils of minority religious faiths Children in care 			



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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 	Med	Harm not recognised or promptly reported	Child Safeguarding Statement and DES procedures made available to all staff. Staff to view Tusla training module and any other online training offered by PDST Vetting Procedures Policy on Volunteers Policy on Visiting Contractors
Use of school premises by other organisations during school day	Low	Risk of harm by organisations	School Policy in place for Use of Hall Vetting of Staff involved
Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school	Low	Risk of harm due to pupils inappropriately access/using computer, social media in school	ICT Policy Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour Mobile Phone policy
Students from Secondary School participating in work experience in the school	Low	Risk of harm by student	Only students over 16 permitted for work experience Vetting of students – over 16 years Copy of Child Safeguarding Statement shown

Student teachers undertaking training placement in school	Low	Risk of harm by student	Vetting of students. Joint declaration between college and school Student shown copy of Child Safeguarding Statement
Use of video/photography/other media to record school events.	Medium	Risk of harm to pupils from inappropriate use of photographs taken at school.	Permission sought from all parents on enrolment Photos on website do not identify pupils No uploading of family photos from school events to social media
After school use of school premises by other organisations.	Low	Children not on the premises. Harm to children attending these groups.	School policy in place for use of School Hall. Vetting of staff involved and procedures in place re Child Protection.

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 School 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 risk 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 30/4/18. It will be reviewed as part of the school's annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

Signed: _____
Chairperson, Board of Management

Date: _____

Signed: _____
Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management

Date: _____