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Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment
(of any potential harm)

List of School Activities	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	Harm not recognised or reported promptly	Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff DLP& DDLP has attended CPSMA face to face training DLP attended face to face Inspectorate training All Staff to view Túsla training module & any other online training offered by PDST BOM records all records of staff and board training All school personnel are provided with a copy of the school's "Child Safeguarding Statement" The Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017 are made available to all school personnel.
One to one teaching	Harm by school personnel	School has policy in place for one to one teaching Open doors / Glass in window Glass in window
Care of Children with special needs, including intimate care needs	Harm by school personnel	Policy on intimate care
Toilet areas	Inappropriate behaviour Harm by other Pupils	Usage and supervision policy Code of Behaviour

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Curricular Provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay safe.	Non-teaching of same	School implements SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe in full Review of SPHE Policy
Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils	Harm from older pupils, unknown adults on the playground	Arrival and dismissal supervised by Teachers / SNAs Morning supervision for 10 mins to start at front of school from September 2019
Managing of challenging behaviour amongst pupils	Injury to pupils and staff	Health & Safety Policy Review Code of Behaviour - 2019 Anti-Bullying Policy
Sports Coaches	Harm to pupils	Policy & Procedures in place The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting.
Students participating in work experience	Harm by student	Work experience Policy Child Safeguarding Statement. The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting
Recreation breaks for pupils	Harm from older pupils, Bullying	Recreational Breaks supervised by Teachers and SNAs – Yard Supervision Rota Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour Children unable to go outside sit in designated area at window and notify teacher on supervision that they are there at start of lunch for supervision
Classroom teaching	Harm by school personnel	The school personnel adhere to codes of conduct.
Outdoor teaching activities	Inadequate Supervision Harm to Pupils Bullying	The school personnel adhere to codes of conduct. The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting. Child Safeguarding Statement. Anti-Bullying Policy

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		Code of Behaviour
Sporting Activities Use of toilets/ changing areas in school	Inadequate Supervision Harm to Pupils Harm by school personnel Bullying	The school personnel adhere to codes of conduct. The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting. Child Safeguarding Statement. Anti-Bullying Policy
Homework club/evening study	Inadequate Supervision Harm to Pupils Harm by school personnel Bullying	The school personnel adhere to codes of conduct. The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting. Child Safeguarding Statement. Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour
School outings	Inadequate Supervision Harm to Pupils by School Personnel Bullying	The school personnel adhere to codes of conduct. The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting. Child Safeguarding Statement. Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour
Use of toilet/changing/shower areas in schools	Harm to children with SEN who have a particular vulnerability	Procedures for Intimate care needs
Annual Sports Day	Harm to children by school personnel/ volunteer/ other children / visitor	The school personnel adhere to codes of conduct. The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting. Child Safeguarding Statement. Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour

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Fundraising events involving pupils	Harm to children by school personnel/ volunteer/ other children / visitor	The school personnel adhere to codes of conduct. The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting. Child Safeguarding Statement. Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour
Use of off-site facilities for school activities	Harm to children by school personnel/ volunteer/ other children / external coach	The school personnel adhere to codes of conduct. The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting. Child Safeguarding Statement. Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour
School transport arrangements	Harm to children by school personnel/ volunteer/ other children	The school personnel adhere to codes of conduct. The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting. Child Safeguarding Statement. Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour School Tour Policy
Administration of Medicine Administration of First Aid	Harm to pupils	First Aid Policy Procedures for First Aid Administration of Medicines Policy
Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils	Bullying by other pupils	Code of Behaviour Anti-Bullying Policy
Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum	Harm to pupils	Policy of Parents / Volunteers Garda Vetting Procedures School Safeguarding Statement

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Recruitment of school personnel including - • 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	Harm not recognised 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 Policy of Parents / Volunteers Policy on Visiting Contractors
Use of school premises by other organisation during school day	Harm to pupils by visitors	Garda Vetting Procedures School Safeguarding Statement Policy of Parents / Volunteers
Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school	Bullying	ICT policy Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour
Application of sanctions under the school's Code of Behaviour including detention of pupils, confiscation of phones etc.	Bullying Harm by School Personnel	Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour Staff Code of Conduct Agreed Complaints Procedure
Student teachers undertaking training placement in school	Harm to pupils by students	Garda Vetting Procedures School Safeguarding Statement Staff Code of Conduct
Use of video/photography/other media to record school events	Cyberbullying	ICT Policy Data Protection Policy Anti-bullying Policy
After school use of school premises by other organisations	Harm to pupils by visitors	Garda Vetting Procedures School Safeguarding Statement

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Use of staffroom by pupils	Harm to pupils	Chn not to enter staffroom without an adult
Use of washroom by pupils	Harm to pupils	Health and Safety Policy
Parents entering school	Harm to pupils	Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff and parents School Policy on communication with parents. All parents must enter the school via reception at all times
Blended Learning – Conference calls	Harm to pupils Harm by school personnel and other pupils Inappropriate behaviour	ICT Policy /Acceptable Use Policy Code of Behaviour Child Safeguarding Statement Anti-Bullying Policy

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 10th April 2019. It will be reviewed as part of the school's annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

Signed: Fr. William Byrne   Date: 18th June 2020

Chairperson, Board of Management

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Signed: Marion Sherlock   Date: 18th June 2020

Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management