



Robertstown National School

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 |
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| Training of school personnel in Child Protection matters | Harm not recognised or reported promptly | <p>Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff</p> <p>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</p> <p>BOM records all records of staff and board training</p> <p>All school personnel are provided with a copy of the school's "Child Safeguarding Statement"</p> <p>The Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017 are made available to all school personnel.</p> |
| One to one teaching | Harm by school personnel | <p>School has policy in place for one to one teaching Open doors / Glass in window Glass in window</p> |
| 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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| <p>Recruitment of school personnel including -</p> <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 | Harm not recognised properly or promptly reported | <p>Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff</p> <p>Staff to view Tusla training module & any other online training offered by PDST</p> <p>Policy of Parents / Volunteers</p> <p>Policy on Visiting Contractors</p> |
| Use of school premises by other organisation during school day | Harm to pupils by visitors | <p>Garda Vetting Procedures</p> <p>School Safeguarding Statement</p> <p>Policy of Parents / Volunteers</p> |
| Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school | Bullying | <p>ICT policy</p> <p>Anti-Bullying Policy</p> <p>Code of Behaviour</p> |
| Application of sanctions under the school's Code of Behaviour including detention of pupils, confiscation of phones etc. | <p>Bullying</p> <p>Harm by School Personnel</p> | <p>Anti-Bullying Policy</p> <p>Code of Behaviour</p> <p>Staff Code of Conduct</p> <p>Agreed Complaints Procedure</p> |
| Student teachers undertaking training placement in school | Harm to pupils by students | <p>Garda Vetting Procedures</p> <p>School Safeguarding Statement</p> <p>Staff Code of Conduct</p> |
| Use of video/photography/other media to record school events | Cyberbullying | <p>ICT Policy</p> <p>Data Protection Policy</p> <p>Anti-bullying Policy</p> |
| After school use of school premises by other organisations | Harm to pupils by visitors | <p>Garda Vetting Procedures</p> <p>School Safeguarding Statement</p> |



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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 : William Byrne Date: 30th September 2020

Chairperson, Board of Management



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Signed _Marion Sherlock

Date 30th September 2020

Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management