

Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment



In accordance with section 11 of the Children First Act 2015 and with the requirement of Section 8.8 of the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017, the following is the Written Risk Assessment of St Mary's BNS, Lucan.

List of School Activity	The School has identified the following Risk	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 and Department of Education and Skills (DES) procedures made available to all staff. Designated Liaison Person (DLP) and Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDL) to attend PDST face to face training. All staff to view TUSLA training module and any other online training offered by PDST. Board of Management records all records of staff and Board training.
One to one teaching	Harm by school personnel	Supervision Policy
Care of Children with special needs, including intimate care needs	Harm by school personnel	Special Educational Needs Policy
Toilet Areas	Inappropriate behaviour	Supervision Policy
Curricular Provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe LGBT children perceived to be LGBT	Non-teaching of same Bullying	School implements SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe in full Anti-bullying Policy Code of Behaviour Inclusion Policy
Recruitment of new staff	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
Managing of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint	Injury to pupils and staff	Health and Safety Policy Code of Behaviour
Sports Coaches	Harm to children	Policy and Procedures in place
TY Students participating in work experience	Harm to children	Work experience Policy Child Safeguarding Statement
Volunteers/ Parents	Harm to children	Vetting procedures Supervision Policy Policy for parents/volunteers
Use of information and communication	Bullying	ICT Policy Anti-bullying Policy

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technology by children in schools		Code of Behaviour
Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils	Harm to children	Supervision Policy Code of Behaviour
Recreation / Movement breaks for pupils	Harm to children Bullying	Supervision Policy Anti-Bullying Policy
Classroom teaching	Harm to children	Supervision Policy Teaching Council Code of Conduct All teachers are obliged to complete Certificates regarding Child Protection procedures
Outdoor teaching activities	Harm to children	Supervision Policy Health & Safety Policy
School outings	Harm to children	Vetting Procedures Supervision School Tour Policy
Annual Sports Day	Harm to children	Parents' Association Insurance Policy
Fundraising events involving pupils	Harm to children	Vetting Procedures (if applicable) Health & Safety Supervision Policy
Use of off-site facilities for school activities	Harm to children	Vetting Procedures (if applicable) Health & Safety Supervision Policy
School transport arrangements including lifts to games from parents	Harm to children	Supervision Policy
Administration of Medicine	Harm to children	Administration of Medication Policy Update policy: Parents will be asked to update their child's medical information on an on-going basis
Administration of First Aid	Harm to children	Administration of Medication Policy
Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils	Harm to children Bullying	Anti-Bullying Policy
Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum	Harm to children	Vetting Procedures
Use of external personnel to support sports and other extra-curricular	Harm to children	Vetting Procedures

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activities		
Care of Pupils from ethnic minorities/migrants	Bullying	Inclusion Policy SEN Policy
Care of Members of the Traveller community	Bullying	Inclusion Policy
Recruitment of Caretaker, Secretary, Cleaners	Harm to children	Vetting Procedures Health and Safety Policy
Recruitment of External Tutors/Guest Speakers	Harm to children	Vetting Procedures
Recruitment of Visitors/contractors present in school during school hours	Harm to children	Vetting Procedures Health and Safety Policy
Recruitment of Visitors/contractors present during after school activities	Harm to children	Vetting Procedures Health and Safety Policy
Participation by pupils in religious ceremonies/religious instruction external to the school	Harm to children	Supervision Policy
Application of sanctions under the school's Code of Behaviour including detention of pupils, confiscation of phones etc.	Harm to children Bullying	Code of Behaviour Mobile Phone/Electronic Games Policy
Student teachers undertaking training placement in school	Harm to children	Vetted by training colleges
Use of video, photography and other media to record school events	Bullying Harm to children Harm to staff Exploitation	Acceptable Use Policy
After school use of school premises by other organisations	Harm to children	Vetting Procedures (e.g. Sherpa Kids, keyboard, Speech & Drama, scouts, Lucan band, coding, soccer camps, Lucan Youth Fun)

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		Lucan Youth Fun)
Use of school premises by other organisation during school day	Harm to children	Vetting Procedures (e.g. Sherpa Kids, keyboard, Speech & Drama, Coaches from Lucan Sarsfields, Westmanstown Gaels, Cricket Ireland)
After-school activities	Harm to children	Vetting Procedures Health and Safety Code of Behaviour (e.g. Homework Club, Sports and Social Club, Art Club, quiz team practise, Lego club, music practise)

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 risks 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 of St. Mary's BNS on _____ . It shall be reviewed as part of the school's annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

Signed: Phil O'Sullivan Date: 20/3/19

Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed: Dara Burke Date: 20-3-2019

Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management