

## Child Safeguarding Statement

Church Street National School is a primary school providing primary education to pupils from Junior Infants to Sixth Class.

In accordance with the requirements of the [Children First Act 2015](#), [Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017](#), [the Addendum to Children First \(2019\)](#), the [Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017](#) and [Tusla Guidance on the preparation of Child Safeguarding Statements](#), the Board of Management of Church Street National School has agreed the Child Safeguarding Statement set out in this document.

- 1 The Board of Management has adopted and will implement fully and without modification the Department's Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017 as part of this overall Child Safeguarding Statement
- 2 The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is Niall West
- 3 The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP) is Ciara Looney
- 4 The Board of Management recognises that child protection and welfare considerations permeate all aspects of school life and must be reflected in all of the school's policies, procedures, practices and activities. In its policies, procedures, practices and activities, the school will adhere to the following principles of best practice in child protection and welfare:

The school will:

- recognise that the protection and welfare of children is of paramount importance, regardless of all other considerations;
- fully comply with its statutory obligations under the Children First Act 2015 and other relevant legislation relating to the protection and welfare of children;
- fully co-operate with the relevant statutory authorities in relation to child protection and welfare matters;
- adopt safe practices to minimise the possibility of harm or accidents happening to children and protect workers from the necessity to take unnecessary risks that may leave themselves open to accusations of abuse or neglect;
- develop a practice of openness with parents and encourage parental involvement in the education of their children; and
- fully respect confidentiality requirements in dealing with child protection matters.

The school will also adhere to the above principles in relation to any adult pupil with a special vulnerability.

- 5 The following procedures/measures are in place:
  - In relation to any member of staff who is the subject of any investigation (howsoever described) in respect of any act, omission or circumstance in respect of a child attending the school, the school adheres to the relevant procedures set out in Chapter 7 of the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017 and to the relevant agreed disciplinary procedures for school staff which are published on the DE website.
  - In relation to the selection or recruitment of staff and their suitability to work with children, the school adheres to the statutory vetting requirements of the [National Vetting Bureau \(Children and Vulnerable Persons\)](#) Acts 2012 to 2016 and to the wider duty of care guidance set out in relevant

Garda vetting and recruitment circulars published by the Department of Education and available on the DE website.

- In relation to the provision of information and, where necessary, instruction and training, to staff in respect of the identification of the occurrence of harm (as defined in the 2015 Act) the school-
  - Has provided each member of staff with a copy of the school’s Child Safeguarding Statement
  - Ensures all new staff are provided with a copy of the school’s Child Safeguarding Statement
  - Encourages staff to avail of relevant training
  - Encourages Board of Management members to avail of relevant training
  - The Board of Management maintains records of all staff and Board member training
- In relation to reporting of child protection concerns to Tusla, all school personnel are required to adhere to the procedures set out in the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017, including in the case of registered teachers, those in relation to mandated reporting under the Children First Act 2015.
- In this school the Board has appointed the abovenamed DLP as the “relevant person” (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) to be the first point of contact in respect of the schools child safeguarding statement.
- All registered teachers employed by the school are mandated persons under the Children First Act 2015.
- In accordance with the Children First Act 2015 and the Addendum to Children First (2019), the Board has carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while attending the school or participating in school activities. A written assessment setting out the areas of risk identified and the school’s procedures for managing those risks is included with the Child Safeguarding Statement.
- The various procedures referred to in this Statement can be accessed via the school’s website, the DE website or will be made available on request by the school.

**Note:** The above is not intended as an exhaustive list. Individual Boards of Management shall also include in this section such other procedures/measures that are of relevance to the school in question.

- 6 This statement has been published on the school’s website and has been provided to all members of school personnel, the Parents’ Association (if any) and the patron. It is readily accessible to parents and guardians on request. A copy of this Statement will be made available to Tusla and the Department if requested.
- 7 This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed annually or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which this statement refers.

This Child Safeguarding Statement was adopted on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018 and reviewed by the Board of Management on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

Signed: Daphne Casey

Chairperson of Board of Management

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Signed: Niall West

Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment

### Written Assessment of Risk of Church Street National School

In accordance with section 11 of the Children First Act 2015 and with the requirements of Chapter 8 of the *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017*, the following is the Written Risk Assessment of Church Street National School.

<b>List of School Activities</b>	<b>The School has Identified the following Risk of Harm in Respect of its Activities</b>	<b>The School has the Following Procedures in Place to Address the Risks of Harm Identified in this Assessment</b>
Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils	Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child Risk of harm due to bullying of child	The school has a Yard/Playground Supervision Policy to ensure appropriate supervision of children during assembly, dismissal and breaks and in respect of specific areas such as toilets etc. The school has a Code of Conduct for school personnel (teaching and non-teaching staff) The school has in place a Code of Behaviour for Pupils
Recreation breaks for pupils	Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by school personnel Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child Risk of harm due to bullying of child Risk of harm to children with SEN who have particular vulnerabilities The school has in place a Mobile Phone Policy in respect of usage of mobile phones by pupils	The school has an Anti-Bullying Policy which fully adheres to the requirements of the Department's <i>Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools</i> The school has a Yard/Playground Supervision Policy to ensure appropriate supervision of children during assembly, dismissal and breaks and in respect of specific areas such as toilets etc. The school has a Code of Conduct for School Personnel (teaching and non-teaching staff) The school has in place a Policy and Procedures for the Administration of First Aid The school has in place a Code of Behaviour for Pupils
Classroom teaching	Risk of child being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel	All school personnel are provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement

	<p>Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child</p> <p>Risk of harm due to bullying of child</p> <p>Risk of harm due to inappropriate relationship/communications between child and another child or adult</p> <p>Risk of harm due to children inappropriately accessing/using computers, social media, phones and other devices while in school</p>	<p><i>The Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017</i> are made available to all school personnel</p> <p>School personnel are required to adhere to the <i>Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017</i> and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the <i>Children First Act 2015</i></p> <p>The school has an Anti-Bullying Policy which fully adheres to the requirements of the Department's <i>Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools</i></p> <p>The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting</p> <p>The school has a Code of Conduct for School Personnel (teaching and non-teaching staff)</p> <p>The school complies with the agreed Disciplinary Procedures for Teaching Staff</p> <p>The school –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has provided each member of school staff with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement</li> <li>Ensures all new staff are provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement</li> <li>Encourages staff to avail of relevant training</li> <li>Encourages board of management members to avail of relevant training</li> <li>Maintains records of all staff and board member training</li> </ul> <p>The school has in place an ICT policy in respect of usage of ICT by pupils</p> <p>The school has in place a mobile phone policy in respect of usage of mobile phones by pupils</p>
One-to-one teaching	Risk of harm in one-to-one teaching, counselling, coaching situation	All school personnel are provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement

		<p><i>The Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017</i> are made available to all school personnel</p> <p>School personnel are required to adhere to the <i>Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017</i> and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to <i>the Children First Act 2015</i></p> <p>The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting</p> <p>The school has a Code of Conduct for School Personnel (teaching and non-teaching)</p> <p>The school complies with the agreed Disciplinary Procedures for Teaching Staff</p> <p>The school –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has provided each member of school staff with a copy of the school’s Child Safeguarding Statement</li> <li>Ensures all new staff are provided with a copy of the school’s Child Safeguarding Statement</li> <li>Encourages staff to avail of relevant training</li> <li>Encourages board of management members to avail of relevant training</li> <li>Maintains records of all staff and board member training</li> </ul> <p>The school has in place an ICT Policy in respect of usage of ICT by pupils</p> <p>The school has in place a Policy and clear Procedures for One-to-one Teaching Activities</p>
Outdoor teaching activities	Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel	<p>All school personnel are provided with a copy of the school’s Child Safeguarding Statement</p> <p><i>The Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools</i></p>

	<p>Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child</p> <p>Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel, a member of staff of another organisation or other person while child participating in out of school activities e.g. school trip, swimming lessons</p> <p>Risk of harm due to bullying of child</p> <p>Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children while attending out of school activities</p> <p>Risk of harm due to inappropriate relationship / communications between child and another child or adult</p>	<p>2017 are made available to all school personnel</p> <p>School personnel are required to adhere to <i>the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017</i> and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the <i>Children First Act 2015</i></p> <p>The school has an Anti-Bullying Policy which fully adheres to the requirements of the Department's <i>Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools</i></p> <p>The school has a Yard/Playground Supervision Policy to ensure appropriate supervision of children during assembly, dismissal and breaks and in respect of specific areas such as toilets etc.</p> <p>The school had a Health and Safety Policy</p> <p>The school has a Code of Conduct for School Personnel (teaching and non-teaching staff)</p> <p>The school has in place a Policy and Procedures for the Administration of First Aid</p> <p>The school has in place a Code of Behaviour for Pupils</p>
Sporting activities	<p>Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel</p> <p>Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by school personnel</p> <p>Risk of child being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel</p> <p>Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child</p> <p>Risk of child being harmed in the school by volunteer or visitor to the school</p> <p>Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel, a member of staff of another</p>	<p><i>The Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017</i> are made available to all school personnel</p> <p>School personnel are required to adhere to the <i>Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017</i> and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the <i>Children First Act 2015</i></p> <p>The school implements in full the Stay Safe Programme</p> <p>The school implements in full the SPHE curriculum</p> <p>The school has an Anti-Bullying Policy which fully adheres to the requirements of the Department's <i>Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools</i></p>

	<p>organisation or other person while child participating in out of school activities e.g. school trip, swimming lessons</p>	<p>The school has in place a Policy and clear Procedures in Respect of School Outings</p> <p>The school has in place a Policy and Procedures for the Administration of First Aid</p>
School outings	<p>Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel</p> <p>Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by school personnel</p> <p>Risk of child being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel</p> <p>Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child</p> <p>Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel, a member of staff of another organisation or other person while child participating in out of school activities e.g. school trip, swimming lessons</p> <p>Risk of harm due to bullying of child</p> <p>Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children while attending out of school activities</p> <p>Risk of harm due to inappropriate relationship / communications between child and another child or adult</p> <p>Risk of harm to children with SEN who have particular vulnerabilities</p>	<p>The school implements in full the Stay Safe Programme</p> <p>The school implements in full the SPHE curriculum</p> <p>The school has in place a Policy and clear Procedures in Respect of School Outings</p> <p>The school has in place a Code of Behaviour for Pupils</p>
Use of toilet areas in schools	<p>Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children in school</p> <p>Risk of harm to child while a child is receiving intimate care</p>	<p>The school implements in full the Stay Safe Programme</p> <p>The school implements in full the SPHE curriculum</p> <p>The school has a Yard/Playground Supervision Policy to ensure</p>

		<p>appropriate supervision of children during assembly, dismissal and breaks and in respect of specific areas such as toilets etc</p> <p>The school has a Special Educational Needs Policy</p> <p>The school has an Intimate Care Policy/Plan in respect of students who require such care</p> <p>The school has in place a Code of Behaviour for Pupils</p>
Annual sports day	<p>Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel</p> <p>Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by school personnel</p> <p>Risk of child being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel</p> <p>Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child</p> <p>Risk of child being harmed in the school by volunteer or visitor to the school</p> <p>Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel, a member of staff of another organisation or other person while child participating in out of school activities e.g. school trip, swimming lessons</p> <p>Risk of harm due to bullying of child</p> <p>Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children while attending out of school activities</p> <p>Risk of harm to children with SEN who have particular vulnerabilities</p>	<p>All school personnel are provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement</p> <p><i>The Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017</i> are made available to all school personnel</p> <p>School personnel are required to adhere to the <i>Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017</i> and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the <i>Children First Act 2015</i></p> <p>The school has in place a Policy and clear Procedures in respect of School Outings</p> <p>The school has in place a Policy and Procedures for the Administration of First Aid</p> <p>The school has in place a Code of Behaviour for Pupils</p>
Fundraising events involving pupils	<p>Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel</p>	<p>The school implements in full the Stay Safe Programme</p> <p>The school implements in full the SPHE curriculum</p>



	<p>Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by school personnel</p> <p>Risk of child being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel</p> <p>Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child</p> <p>Risk of child being harmed in the school by volunteer or visitor to the school</p> <p>Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel, a member of staff of another organisation or other person while child participating in out of school activities e.g. school trip, swimming lessons</p> <p>Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children in school</p> <p>Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children while attending out of school activities</p>	
<p>Use of offsite facilities for school activities</p>	<p>Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel</p> <p>Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by school personnel</p> <p>Risk of child being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel</p> <p>Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child</p> <p>Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children while attending out of school activities</p>	<p>The school has in place a Code of Behaviour for Pupils</p>

<p>School transport arrangements</p>	<p>Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel, a member of staff of another organisation or other person while child participating in out of school activities e.g. school trip, swimming lessons  Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children while attending out of school activities</p>	<p>The school has a Code of Conduct for School Personnel (teaching and non-teaching staff)  The school has in place a Code of Behaviour for Pupils</p>
<p>Care of children with special educational needs</p>	<p>Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel  Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by school personnel  Risk of child being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel  Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child  Risk of child being harmed in the school by volunteer or visitor to the school  Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel, a member of staff of another organisation or other person while child participating in out of school activities e.g. school trip, swimming lessons  Risk of harm due to bullying of child  Risk of harm to children with SEN who have particular vulnerabilities  Risk of harm to child while a child is receiving intimate care</p>	<p>All school personnel are provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement  The <i>Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017</i> are made available to all school personnel  School personnel are required to adhere to the <i>Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017</i> and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the <i>Children First Act 2015</i>  The school implements in full the Stay Safe Programme  The school implements in full the SPHE curriculum  The school has a Code of Conduct for School Personnel (teaching and non-teaching)  The school complies with the agreed Disciplinary Procedures for Teaching Staff  The school has a Special Educational Needs Policy  The school has an Intimate Care Policy/Plan in respect of students who require such care  The school has in place a Policy and clear Procedures for One-to-one Teaching Activities</p>

	Risk of harm in on-to-one teaching, counselling, coaching situation	
Management of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint where required	Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child Risk of harm due to bullying of child	The school implements in full the Stay Safe Programme The school implements in full the SPHE curriculum The school has an Anti-Bullying Policy which fully adheres to the requirements of the Department's <i>Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools</i> The school has in place a Code of Behaviour for Pupils
Administration of medicine	Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel	The school has in place a Policy and Procedures for the administration of Medication to Pupils
Administration of first aid	Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel	The school has in place a Policy and Procedures for the Administration of First Aid
Curricular provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe	Risk of harm due to an inappropriate relationship/communications Risk of harm due to children inappropriately accessing / using computers, social media, phones and other devices while at school	The school implements in full the Stay Safe Programme The school implements in full the SPHE curriculum
Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils	Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child Risk of harm due to bullying of child	The school implements in full the Stay Safe Programme The school implements in full the SPHE curriculum The school has an Anti-Bullying Policy which fully adheres to the requirements of the Department's <i>Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools</i>
Training of school personnel in child protection matters	Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by school personnel	The school – Has provided each member of school staff with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement Ensures all new staff are provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement

	<p>Risk of child being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel</p> <p>Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel, a member of staff of another organisation or other person while child participating in out of school activities e.g. school trip, swimming lessons</p> <p>Risk of harm caused by member of school personnel communicating with pupils in an inappropriate manner via social media, texting, digital device or other manner</p> <p>Risk of harm caused by member of school personnel accessing / circulating inappropriate material via social media, texting, digital device or other manner</p>	<p>Encourages staff to avail of relevant training</p> <p>Encourages board of management members to avail of relevant training</p> <p>Maintains records of all staff and board member training</p> <p>The school has in place an ICT policy in respect of usage of ICT by pupils</p> <p>The school has in place a Mobile Phone Policy in respect of usage of mobile phones by pupils</p>
<p>Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum</p>	<p>Risk of child being harmed in the school by volunteer or visitor to the school</p> <p>Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel, a member of staff of another organisation or other person while child participating in out of school activities e.g. school trip, swimming lessons</p> <p>Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children in school</p> <p>Risk of harm due to inappropriate relationship / communications between child and another children or adult</p>	<p>The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting</p>

<p>Use of external personnel to support sports and other extra-curricular activities</p>	<p>Risk of child being harmed in the school by volunteer or visitor to the school  Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel, a member of staff of another organisation or other person while child participating in out of school activities e.g. school trip, swimming lessons  Risk of harm due to inappropriate relationship / communications between child and another child or adult</p>	<p>The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting</p>
<p>Recruitment of school personnel including –  Teachers and substitute teachers  Caretaker / Secretary / Cleaners  Volunteer parents in school activities  Visitors / contractors present in school during school hours  Visitors / contractors present after school activities</p>	<p>Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel  Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by school personnel  Risk of child being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel  Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel, a member of staff of another organisation or other person while child participating in out of school activities e.g. school trip, swimming lessons  Risk of harm caused by member of school personnel communicating with pupils in an inappropriate manner via social media, texting, digital device or other manner  Risk of harm caused by member of school personnel accessing / circulating inappropriate</p>	<p>All school personnel are provided with a copy of the school’s <i>Child Safeguarding Statement</i>  <i>The Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017</i> are made available to all school personnel  School personnel are required to adhere to the <i>Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017</i> and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the <i>Children First Act 2015</i>  The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting  The school has a Code of Conduct for School Personnel (teaching and non-teaching)  The school complies with the agreed disciplinary procedures for teaching staff  The school –  Has provided each member of school staff with a copy of the school’s Child Safeguarding Statement</p>

	material via social media, texting, digital device or other manner	<p>Ensures all new staff are provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement</p> <p>Encourages staff to avail of relevant training</p> <p>Encourages board of management members to avail of relevant training</p> <p>Maintains records of all staff and board member training</p>
Participation by pupils in religious ceremonies / religious instruction external to the school	<p>Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel, a member of staff of another organisation or other person while child participating in out of school activities e.g. school trip, swimming lessons</p> <p>Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children while attending out of school activities</p>	The school has in place a Code of Behaviour for Pupils
Use of information and communication technology by pupils in school	<p>Risk of harm due to children inappropriately accessing / using computers, social media, phones and other devices while at school</p> <p>Risk of harm caused by member of school personnel communicating with pupils in an inappropriate manner via social media, texting, digital device or other manner</p> <p>Risk of harm caused by member of school personnel accessing / circulating inappropriate material via social media, texting, digital device or other manner</p>	<p>The school has in place an ICT Policy in respect of usage of ICT by pupils</p> <p>The school has in place a Mobile Phone Policy in respect of usage of mobile phones by pupils</p>
Application of sanctions under the school's Code of Behaviour including	Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by school personnel	<p>The school has a Code of Conduct for School Personnel (teaching and non-teaching)</p> <p>The school has in place a Code of Behaviour for Pupils</p>

detention of pupils, confiscation of phones etc	<p>Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel, a member of staff of another organisation or other person while child participating in out of school activities e.g. school trip, swimming lessons</p> <p>Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children in school</p>	
Use of video / photography / other media to record school events	<p>Risk of harm caused by member of school personnel communicating with pupils in an inappropriate manner via social media, texting, digital device or other manner</p> <p>Risk of harm caused by member of school personnel accessing / circulating inappropriate material via social media, texting, digital device or other manner</p>	<p>The school has in place an ICT Policy in respect of usage of ICT by pupils</p> <p>The school has in place a Mobile Phone Policy in respect of usage of mobile phones by pupils</p>
After school use of school premises by other organisations	<p>Risk of child being harmed in the school by volunteer or visitor to the school</p> <p>Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel, a member of staff of another organisation or other person while child participating in out of school activities e.g. school trip, swimming lessons</p> <p>Risk of harm due to inappropriate relationship / communications between child and another child or adult</p>	<p>The school implements in full the Stay Safe Programme</p> <p>The school implements in full the SPHE curriculum</p> <p>The school has a Policy on the Use of the School by External Organisations</p>
Assembly	<p>Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children in school</p>	<p>The school has a Code of Conduct for School Personnel (teaching and non-teaching)</p>

		The school has in place a Code of Behaviour for Pupils
Swimming lessons	Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel, a member of staff of another organisation or other person while child participating in out of school activities e.g. school trip, swimming lessons Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children while attending out of school activities	The school implements in full the Stay Safe Programme The school implements in full the SPHE curriculum The school has a Code of Conduct for School Personnel (teaching and non-teaching) The school has an Intimate Care Policy/Plan in respect of students who require such care The school has in place a Code of Behaviour for Pupils
Library Visits	Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel, a member of staff of another organisation or other person while child participating in out of school activities e.g. school trip, swimming lessons Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children while attending out of school activities	The school implements in full the Stay Safe Programme The school implements in full the SPHE curriculum The school has in place a Code of Behaviour for Pupils
Student teachers	Risk of child being harmed in the school by volunteer or visitor to the school Risk of harm due to inappropriate relationship / communications between child and another child or adult	Student teachers are required to adhere to the <i>Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017</i> and the <i>Children First Act 2015</i> Student teachers are provided with a copy of the Child Safeguarding Statement

**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 **27.02.2018** and reviewed on **20.04.2021, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022 and 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023.**

*Signed: .....*

*Daphne Casey* *Date: 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023*

*Chairperson, Board of Management*

*Signed: .....*

*Niall West* *Date: 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023*

*Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management*