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Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment (of any potential harm)

NB All school personnel are provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement

The Child Protection Procedures for Primary & Post Primary Schools 2017 are made available to all personnel

School personnel are required to adhere to the Child Protection Procedures and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the Children First Act 2015

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	High	Harm not recognised or reported properly and promptly	Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff DLP& DDLP to attend PDST face to face training All Staff undertook Túsla training module & online training offered by PDST BOM records all records of staff and board training
Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils	Med	Harm not being recognised or reported properly. Risk of child being harmed by member of personnel or by another child Risk of harm due to bullying Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision Risk of harm due to inappropriate communication between child and adult or another child Risk of harm due to inadequate code of behaviour Risk of harm to children with SEN	Arrival and Dismissal of Pupils Policy is fully implemented All staff aware of their roles and responsibilities and procedures to be followed Visitors must report to the school office Supervision of Pupils Policy fully implemented Anti Bullying Policy fully implemented Code of Behaviour fully implemented Yard Book Behaviour System fully implemented All staff aware of their roles and responsibilities and procedures to be followed Personal Pupil Plan and IEP for each pupil with SEN complex needs
Recreation breaks for pupils	High		
Outdoor teaching activities	Med		
Classroom teaching	Med	Risk of child being harmed by member of personnel or by another child Risk of harm due to bullying Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision Risk of harm due to inappropriate communication between child and adult or another child Risk of harm due to inadequate code of behaviour Risk of harm to children with SEN	Supervision of Pupils Policy fully implemented Anti Bullying Policy fully implemented Code of Behaviour fully implemented Positive Behaviour management strategies implemented Personal Pupil Plan and IEP for each pupil with SEN complex needs

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One to one teaching	High	Risk of child being harmed by member of personnel or by another child Risk of inappropriate communication between child and adult Risk of harm to children with SEN	In most cases support is provided in small groups. In the case of one to one teaching: Table between teacher and pupil Glass in window and/or door open
Care of Children with special needs, including intimate care needs	High	Harm not being recognised or reported properly Risk of child being harmed by member of personnel, by a visitor to the school or by another child Risk of harm due to bullying	Policy on Intimate Care Policy on Supervision of Pupils (An Neidin & Mainstream) PPPs & IEPs for all pupils with SEN Code of Behaviour for Special Classes
Managing of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint	High	Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision Risk of harm while child is receiving intimate care Risk of harm in management of challenging behaviour/meltdowns/tantrums Risk of inappropriate communication between child and adult or another child Risk of harm due to inadequate code of behaviour Risk of harm to children with SEN of behaviour	Code of Behaviour (Mainstream) SNA Policy (An Neidin) Visitors to An Neidin Policy Health & Safety Statement Anti bullying policy Equality of Access & Participation Policy Agreed approaches to management of challenging behaviour/tantrums/meltdowns Consultation with NEPS, Bridgeway, Early Intervention Services and oth outside professionals
Use of toilet/ changing/ shower areas in schools	Med	Risk of child being harmed by member of personnel or by another child. Risk of harm due to bullying Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision Risk of harm while child is receiving intimate care Risk of harm due to inappropriate communication between child and adult or another child Risk of harm to children with SEN	Supervision of Pupils Policy fully implemented Anti Bullying Policy fully implemented Code of Behaviour fully implemented Positive Behaviour management strategies implemented Personal Pupil Plan and IEP for each pupil with SEN complex needs

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Sports Coaches	High	Risk of harm not being recognised or reported properly and promptly	Supervision of Pupils Policy fully implemented Anti Bullying Policy fully implemented
Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum	High	Risk of child being harmed by member of personnel or by another child Risk of child being harmed by visiting personnel Risk of child being harmed by member staff of another organisation	Code of Behaviour fully implemented Personal Pupil Plan and IEP for each pupil with SEN complex needs Teacher is present with Coach during sessions
Use of external personnel to support Sports and extra curricular activities	High	Risk of harm due to bullying Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision Risk of harm due to inappropriate communication between child and adult or another child Risk of harm due to inadequate code of behaviour	
Sporting Activities	High	Risk of harm to children with SEN	All of the above plus Sports Code of Conduct applies
Annual Sports Day	High		
School outings	High		All of the above plus Tours & Outings Policy applies
Fundraising events involving pupils	High	Risk of harm not being recognised or reported properly and promptly	Supervision of Pupils Policy fully implemented Anti Bullying Policy fully implemented
Use of off-site facilities for school activities	High	Risk of child being harmed by member of personnel or by another child Risk of child being harmed by member staff of another organisation Risk of harm due to bullying Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision Risk of harm due to inappropriate communication between child and adult or another child Risk of harm to children with SEN	Code of Behaviour fully implemented Tours & Outings Policy fully implemented Personal Pupil Plan and IEP for each pupil with SEN complex needs

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School transport arrangements including use of bus escorts	High	Risk of harm not being recognised or reported properly and promptly Risk of child being harmed by bus driver, taxi driver or Escort Risk of child being harmed by another child Risk of harm due to bullying Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision Risk of harm due to inappropriate communication between child and adult or another child Risk of harm to children with SEN	The school adheres to the requirements for Garda vetting and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment
Administration of Medicine	Med	Risk of harm not being recognised or reported properly and promptly Risk of child being harmed by member of personnel or by another child	Administration of Medication Policy fully implemented All staff trained in Paediatric First Aid
Administration of First Aid	Med	Risk of inappropriate communication between child and adult	Accident & Injury Policy (Including First Aid) fully implemented All staff trained in Paediatric First Aid
Curricular Provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay safe.	Low	Non-teaching of same	School implements SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe in full
Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils	High	Risk of harm not being recognised or reported properly and promptly Risk of child being harmed by member of personnel or by another child Risk of harm due to bullying Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision Risk of harm due to inappropriate communication between child and adult or another child Risk of harm to children with SEN	Anti Bullying Policy fully implemented SPHE Policy fully implemented Anti-bullying & Friendship Week Code of Behaviour fully implemented Arrival & Dismissal of Pupils Policy Supervision of Pupils Policy Yard Behaviour System in place

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Care of pupils with specific vulnerabilities/ needs such as 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 Children on CPNS	High	Risk of harm not being recognised or reported properly and promptly Risk of child being harmed by member of personnel or by another child Risk of harm due to bullying Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision Risk of harm due to inappropriate communication between child and adult or another child Risk of harm to children with SEN	Anti Bullying Policy fully implemented Equality of Access & Participation Policy Enrolment Policy (Mainstream & An Neidin) SPHE Policy fully implemented Anti-bullying & Friendship Week Code of Behaviour fully implemented Arrival & Dismissal of Pupils Policy Supervision of Pupils Policy Yard Behaviour System in place
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	Med	Risk of harm not being recognised or reported properly and promptly Risk of child being harmed by member of personnel Risk of child being harmed by a volunteer or visitor to the school Risk of child being harmed by member staff of another organisation Risk of harm due to bullying Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision Risk of harm due to inappropriate communication between child and adult or another child Risk of harm to children with SEN	The school adheres to the requirements for Garda vetting and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment Vetting Procedures Code of Conduct for Work Experience & Teaching Practice Policy on Visitors to An Neidin Policy on External Assessors (An Neidin) All visitors required to report to the office

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Participation by pupils in religious ceremonies/ religious instruction external to the school	Med	Risk of harm not being recognised or reported properly and promptly Risk of child being harmed by member of personnel or by another child Risk of child being harmed by volunteer or visitor Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision Risk of harm due to inappropriate communication between child and adult or another child Risk of harm to children with SEN	Supervision of Pupils Policy fully implemented Anti Bullying Policy fully implemented Code of Behaviour fully implemented Tours & Outings Policy fully implemented Personal Pupil Plan and IEP for each pupil with SEN complex needs
Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school	High	Risk of harm not being recognised or reported properly and promptly Risk of child being harmed by member of personnel or by another child Risk of harm due to inappropriate relationship/communication between child and adult or another child Risk of harm to child due to inappropriate access/use of technology at school Risk of harm due to school personnel communicating inappropriately with child via social media, texting etc Risk of harm due to school personnel accessing/circulating inappropriate material via social media, texting etc. Risk of harm due to bullying Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision Risk of harm to children with SEN	ICT Policy AUP Policy Mobile Phone Use Policy Supervision of Pupils Policy Anti Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour

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Application of sanctions under the school's Code of Behaviour including detention of pupils, confiscation of phones etc.	Med	Risk of child being harmed by member of personnel or by another child. Risk of harm due to bullying Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision Risk of harm due to inappropriate communication between child and adult or another child Risk of harm to children with SEN	Supervision of Pupils Policy fully implemented Anti Bullying Policy fully implemented Code of Behaviour fully implemented Positive Behaviour management strategies implemented Personal Pupil Plan and IEP for each pupil with SEN complex needs Yard Behaviour System fully implemented
Students participating in work experience Student teachers undertaking training placement in school	High	Risk of harm not being recognised or reported properly and promptly Risk of child being harmed by volunteer or visitor Risk of harm due to inappropriate relationship/ communication between child and adult Risk of harm due to school personnel communicating inappropriately with child via social media, texting etc Risk of harm due to school personnel accessing/circulating inappropriate material via social media, texting etc. Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision Risk of harm to children with SEN	Child Safeguarding Statement Vetting Procedures Code of Conduct for Work Experience & Teaching Practice
After school use of school premises by other organisations	Low	Risk of harm not being recognised or reported properly and promptly Risk of child being harmed by volunteer or visitor	Child Safeguarding Statement Currently, school premises are not used by other organisations when children are present on site i.e. meetings and other events typically take place from 7pm onwards
Use of school premises by other organisation during school day	Low	Risk of harm not being recognised or reported properly and promptly Risk of child being harmed by volunteer or visitor	Child Safeguarding Statement Currently, school premises are not used by other organisations when children are present on site

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Use of video/photography/other media to record school events	High	Risk of harm not being recognised or reported properly and promptly Risk of harm due to inappropriate relationship/ communication between child and adult Risk of harm due to school personnel communicating inappropriately with child via social media, texting etc Risk of harm due to school personnel accessing/circulating inappropriate material via social media, texting etc. Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision Risk of harm to children with SEN	No photos of individual pupils posted to website Names not attached to photos on school noticeboards At school events parents/guardians are advised that photos and videos taken of children other than their own are not to be shared on social media
Response to COVID-19	High	Risk of harm caused by spread of Covid-19 in the school environment	The school has the following in place to help control the spread of Covid-19 in the school: • Covid 19 Response Plan and Policy Statement • Covid 19 Risk Assessment to minimise the risk of being exposed to Covid 19 • Appointment of a Lead Worker Representative

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 30.08. 2021. It was reviewed as part of the Annual Child Safeguarding Statement Review on May 4th 2022

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Signed _Oliver Manley_ **Date** 28/11/22

Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed _Cormac Duggan_ **Date** 28/11/22

Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management