



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. John's N.S.

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 promptly	Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff DLP& DDLP to attend PDST face to face training All Staff to view Túsla training module & any other online training offered by PDST
One to one teaching	Med	Harm by school personnel	BOM records all records of staff and board training School has policy in place for one to one teaching Glass in window
Care of Children with special needs, including intimate care needs	High	Harm by school personnel	Policy on intimate care
Toilet areas	High	Inappropriate behaviour	School rules and guidelines in place
Curricular Provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay safe.	Med	Non-teaching of same	School implements SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe in full
Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils	Med	Harm from older pupils, unknown adults on the playground	Arrival and dismissal supervised by Teachers



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Managing of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint	High	Injury to pupils and staff
Students participating in work experience	Low	Harm by student
Recreation breaks for pupils	High	Bullying
Classroom teaching	Low	Harm by School Personnel or fellow pupil
Outdoor teaching activities, Sporting Activities, School Outings, Fundraising Activities	Med	Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel, a member of staff of another organisation or other person while participating in out of school activities.
Administration of Medicine Administration of First Aid	Med	Staff unaware or not trained in First Aid
Care of pupils with specific vulnerabilities/needs such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	Low	Bullying



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Recruitment of school personnel including - <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 • Student teachers 	Med Harm not recognised or 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 Vetting Procedures Student, Substitute and New teacher Policy
Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school	Low Bullying	ICT policy Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour
Use of video/photography/other media to record school events	High Bullying Risk of harm caused by a member of school personnel accessing/circulating in appropriate material via social media, texting, digital device or other manner Harm from other pupils or adults Bullying	Acceptable Use Policy Child Safeguarding Statement Parental consent forms
After school use of school premises	Med Harm from other pupils or adults Bullying	Child Safeguarding Statement Vetting 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*



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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 School Staff on behalf of the Board of Management on _____. It will be reviewed as part of the school's annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

Signed  Date 14/10/20

Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed  Date 14/10/20

Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management