

Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment

Written Assessment of Risk of Lisronagh N.S. Roll No. 06789H

In accordance with section 11 of the Children First Act 2015 and with the requirement of Chapter 8 of the *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017*, the following is the Written Risk Assessment of Lisronagh N.S.

1. List of school activities	2. The school has identified the following risk of harm in respect of its activities –	3. The school has the following procedures in place to address the risks of harm identified in this assessment -
Opening/Closing Times and Break Times	Access to pupils by strangers or other adults. Risk of harm from other pupils	Adequate Supervision at break times, assembly, dismissal and in specific areas
Classroom Teaching	Harm by school personnel	School personnel are required to adhere to the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017 and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the Children First Act 2015 and its Addendum (2019). The school has provided each member of school staff with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement and ensures all new staff are provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement The school has codes of conduct for school personnel (teaching and non-teaching staff) The school complies with the agreed disciplinary procedures for school personnel

Online Teaching and Learning Remotely	Harm due to inappropriate use of online remote platforms such as uninvited person accessing the lesson link/students left unsupervised for long periods of time	The school has an acceptable use policy in place, to include provision for online teaching and learning remotely, and has communicated this policy to parents
Use of Toilet area in School	Harm by school personnel or other pupils	The school has adequate procedures in place for use of the toilet area
Visitors/Visiting Tutors	Tutors behaving inappropriately. Tutors lacking awareness of child safety issues.	All visitors must enter through main entrance and asked to check in at school office Staff reminded not to let visitors in unaccompanied Children trained not to open doors to strangers Visiting tutors from reputable organisations with appropriate vetting Glass panels in doors
School Tours/Outings	Access to pupils by strangers. Inappropriate activity by pupils. Dangers posed by unfamiliar environment	Adequate supervision Adequate planning and preparation by staff School Tour policy followed
Access/Egress	Access to pupils by strangers or other adults. Flight risk for some pupils	Magnetic locks on front door Code protected. Entrance only through main door
Swimming Lessons/Sports Events	Potential for unsupervised times in changing areas. Access to pupils by strangers or other adults.	Adequate supervision provided Trained lifeguards in pool
Social Media	Potential for bullying. Potential for grooming of pupils	No Pupils' mobile phones in school Anti-Bullying Policy Anti-Cyberbullying Policy Information sessions for pupils, parents and staff

One-to-one teaching	Harm by school personnel	School has policy in place for one to one teaching, open doors, table between teacher and pupil, glass in window
Outdoor teaching activities	Harm by school personnel/visitors to school	Adequate supervision Adequate planning and preparation by staff School adheres to Garda vetting legislation and relevant DE Circulars School has in place a policy and procedures for the use of external sports coaches
Sporting Activities	Harm by school personnel, member of staff of other organisation or other person while pupil participating in sporting activities	Staff moving between groups, all staff work in field/playground together. Staff always have more than one child with them if fetching equipment etc. School adheres to Garda vetting legislation and relevant DE Circulars School has in place a policy and procedures for the use of external sports coaches
Annual Sports Day	Harm by school personnel/visitors to school	Staff moving between groups, all staff work in field/playground together. Staff always have more than one child with them if fetching equipment etc. School adheres to Garda vetting legislation and relevant DE Circulars
Care of children with special educational needs, including intimate care where needed,	Harm by school personnel	The school has a Special Educational Needs policy The school has an intimate care policy/plan in respect of students who require such care
Administration of Medicine	Harm to pupil receiving care	The school has in place a policy and procedures for the administration of medication to pupils
Training of school personnel in child protection matters	Harm by school personnel	All school personnel are provided with a copy of the school's <i>Child Safeguarding Statement</i>

		<p>The <i>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> and its Addendum (2019)</p> <p>The school -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Encourages staff to avail of relevant training Encourages board of management members to avail of relevant training Maintains records of all staff and board member training
Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum	Risk of harm by visitors to the school	The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting
Use of external personnel to support sports and other extra-curricular activities	Harm by visitors to the school	The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting
Care of Pupils with specific vulnerabilities/needs	Harm by school personnel or other pupils	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> and its Addendum (2019). The school has provided each member of school staff with a copy of the

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Recruitment of School Personnel	Harm by school personnel	The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to work experience Garda vetting
Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school	Harm by bullying or inappropriate use of communication technology	The school has in place an ICT policy in respect of usage of ICT by pupils Anti-bullying Policy Anti-Cyberbullying Policy Code of Behaviour
Application of sanctions under the school's Code of Behaviour including detention of pupils, confiscation of phones etc.	Harm by school personnel	The school has in place an ICT policy in respect of usage of ICT by pupils Anti-bullying Policy Code of Behaviour No pupils mobile phones in school
Students participating in work experience in the school	Risk of harm by work experience personnel	The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to work experience Garda vetting
Student teachers undertaking training placement in school	Risk of harm by work experience personnel	The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting
Use of video/ photography/other media to record school events	Risk of harm by school personnel or other pupils	School personnel are required to adhere to the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017 and all registered teaching staff are

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Use of school premises by other organisation during school day	Risk of harm by members of these organisations	Use of Premises agreements stating areas to be accessed by these organisations
Curricular provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe	Risk of harm by Non-teaching of same	<p>The school implements in full the Stay Safe Programme</p> <p>The school implements in full the SPHE curriculum</p>
Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils	Risk of harm by bullying	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>
Administration of First Aid	Risk of harm by school personnel	The school has in place a policy and procedures for the administration of First Aid
Management of challenging behaviour amongst pupils	Risk of harm by school personnel	The school has in place a code of behaviour for pupils Health & Safety Statement Advice sought from NEPS where necessary

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*

All children		The school has in place a Critical Incident Management Plan
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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 Board of Management on 23/9/24. It shall be reviewed as part of the school’s annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

Signed Peter Blou Date 23/9/24

Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed Clare Keane Date 23/9/24

Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management