

Risk Assessment for child SafeGuarding Statement 2018-19

Scoil Chomáin Naofa



**Risk Assessment**

**\*All 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.**

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| **Examples of school activities** | **Examples of risks of harm** | **Procedures to address risks of harm** |
| Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils | Risk of harm due to inadequate code of behaviour.  Risk of child being harmed in school by another child. | Code of behaviour policy. |
| Recreation breaks for pupils | Risk of harm due to bullying.  Risk of child being harmed in school by another child. | Yard supervision by member of staff. |
| Classroom teaching | Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children in school. | Glass door policy.  Code of behaviour for students and staff. |
| One-to-one teaching | Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children in school. | Glass door policy.  Code of behaviour for students and staff. |
| One-to-one counselling | Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children in school. | Recording and reporting procedure. |
| Outdoor teaching activities | Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children in school. | Code of behaviour for students and staff. |
| Sporting Activities | Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children in school. | Code of behaviour for students and staff.  More than one adult present.  Garda vetting. |
| School outings | Risk of child being harmed by member of staff, of another organisation or person while participating in out of school activities, e.g. swimming, school tours. | School procedure for school outings.  Code of behaviour for students and staff. |
| Use of toilet/changing/ areas in schools | Risk of child being observed in an inappropriate manner. | Appropriate supervision by teachers - two member of staff to be present in school during the use of changing areas in school. |
| Annual Sports Day | Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children in school.  Risk of unvetted persons on school grounds.  Risk of photographs and images being distributed online. | Appropriate supervision by teachers.  Regular monitoring of students in attendance.  Announcement to attendees that images are not to be redistributed on social media platforms. |
| Fundraising events involving pupils | Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children in school. | Parents &/or guardians in attendance. |
| Use of off-site facilities for school activities | Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision  Risk of interacting with unvetted persons.  Risk of child being harmed by member of staff, of another organisation or person while participating in out of school activities | Appropriate supervision by teachers.  Regular monitoring of students in attendance. |
| School transport arrangements including use of bus escorts | Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision  Risk of interacting with unvetted persons.  Risk of child being harmed by member of staff, of another organisation or person while participating in out of school activities | School implements the full stay safe programme.  School code of conduct. |
| Care of children with special educational needs, including intimate care where needed, | No physical care needs currently. |  |
| Care of any vulnerable adult students, including intimate care where needed |  |  |
| Management of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint where required | Risk of harm due to bullying.  Risk of child being harmed in school by another child. | Anti-bullying policy.  School code of behaviour. |
| Administration of Medicine | Not Teachers administer medicine.  Siblings monitor/assist the administration of light medicine such as, inhalers. | Procedure for administering epipen in the staff room. |
| Administration of First Aid | Incorrect administration of First Aid. | School has in place a policy and procedure for the administration of first aid. |
| Curricular provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe | Risk of as harms as outlined in the relevant programmes.  Non implementation of the SPHE and Stay Safe programme. | School implements the stay safe annually.  S.P.H.E. as part of curriculum. |
| Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils | Risk of harm due to child being bullied. | School Anti-bullying policy. |
| Training of school personnel in child protection matters | Non-compliance with child protection procedures for primary school 2017.  National children first guidelines. | All staff have received training and have access to all relevant materials. |
| Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum | Risk of child being harmed by member of staff, of another organisation or person while participating in out of school activities. | Students’ are supervised at all times. |
| Use of external personnel to support sports and other extra-curricular activities | Risk of child being harmed by member of staff, of another organisation or person while participating in out of school activities | External personnel are Garda vetted. |
| Care of pupils with specific vulnerabilities/ needs such as | N/A | N/A |
| Pupils from ethnic minorities/migrants | N/A | N/A |
| Members of the Traveller community | N/A | N/A |
| Lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT) children | Risk of harm due to bullying. | Stay safe programme implemented annually.  Anti-bullying policy. |
| Pupils perceived to be LGBT | Risk of harm due to bullying. | Stay safe programme implemented annually.  Anti-bullying policy. |
| Pupils of minority religious faiths | Risk of bullying.  Risk of feeling excluded. | Enrolment policy includes all faiths. |
| Children in care | N/A | N/A |
| Children on CPNS | Risk of harm under relevant report. | Monitoring and observing by the DLP and DDLP.  All personnel adhere to the child protection guidelines. |
| 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. | Risk of harm  to students from a member of personnel who may:  Communicate with pupil in an inappropriate manner via social media.  be unqualified  have a history of unacceptable practices  in previous employment  a history of abuse  be unwilling to commit to the expected standards of the school. | The school adheres to the requirements of Garda Vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda Vetting.  When appointing, detailed references are required.  School has a rigorous interview process. |
| Participation by pupils in religious ceremonies/religious instruction external to the school | Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision. | Stay safe programme. |
| Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school | Risk of harm due to inappropriate use of technology. | ICT policy.  Acceptable use policy. |
| Application of sanctions under the school’s Code of Behaviour including detention of pupils, confiscation of phones etc. | Risk of inappropriate sanctions. | Code of conduct for pupils and students. |
| Students participating in work experience in the school | Risk of inadequate supervision. | Garda vetting procedures. |
| Student teachers undertaking training placement in school | Risk of inadequate supervision. | Classroom teacher present at all times. |
| Use of video/photography/other media to record school events | Risk of photos being shared on social media. | Announcement to attendees that images are not to be redistributed on social media platforms. |