**Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment**

**Written Assessment of Risk of Scoil Chomáin Naofa, Roundfort**

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 Scoil Chomáin Naofa, Roundfort.

1. **List of school activities**

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| Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils.Recreation breaks for pupilsClassroom teachingOne-to-one teachingOne-to-one counsellingOutdoor teaching activitiesSporting activitiesSchool OutingsUse of toilet/changing areas in schoolAnnual Sports DayFundraising events involving pupilsUse of off-site facilities for school activitiesSchool transport arrangements including use of bus escortsCare of children with special educational needs, including intimate care where neededManagement of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint where requiredAdministration of medicineAdministration of First AidUse of external personnel to support sports and other extra-curricular activitiesRecruitment of school personnelParticipation by pupils in religious ceremonies/ religious instruction external to the schoolUse of information technology by pupils in the schoolApplication of sanctions under the school’s Code of BehaviourStudents participating in work experience in the schoolStudent teachers undertaking training placement in schoolUse of video/ photography/ other media to record school events |

1. **The school has identified the following risk of harm in respect of its activities -**

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| Inadequate code of behaviourRisk of child being harmed by another childRisk of harm due to BullyingInadequate supervisionRisk of child being harmed by a member of staff, of another organisation or person while participationgin out of school activitiesRisk of child being observed in an inappropriate mannerRisk of unvetted persons on school groundsRisk of photographs and images being distributed onlineRisk of interacting with unvetted persons.Not teachers administering medicine- siblings monitor/assist the administration of light medicine.Incorrect administration of First AidRisk of harms as outlined in relevant programmes.Non implementation of SPHE and Stay Safe Programme.Non- compliance with child protection procedures for Primary School 2017Risk of feeling excludedRisk of harm under relevant reportRisk of harm due to inappropriate use of technologyRisk of inappropriate sanctionsRisk of photos being shared on social mediaRisk 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 practicesin previous employment, a history of abuse, be unwilling to commit to expected standards of the school |

1. **The school has the following procedures in place to address the risks of harm identified in this assessment -**

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|  Code of behaviour policy for students and staffYard supervision by a staff memberGlass door policyRecording and reporting procedureMore than one adult presentGarda vettingSchool procedure for school outingsAppropriate supervision by teachersRegular monitoring of students in attendance.Announcement to attendees that images are not to be redistributed on social media platformsParents &/or guardians in attendanceSchool impliments the full stay safe programme and SPHE as part of curriculumSchool code of conductAnti-bullying policyProcedure for administering epipen in staff roomSchool has in place a policy and procedure for administering First AidAll staff have received training and have access to all relevant materialsStudents are supervised at all timesExternal personnel are Garda vettedEnrolment policy includes all FaithsMonitoring and Observing by DLP and DDLPAll personnel adhere to the child protection guidelinesThe 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 requiredSchool has rigorous interview processICT policyAcceptable Use policyClassroom teacher present at all times |

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| **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 ......... [date]. It shall be reviewed as part of the school’s annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

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Chairperson, Board of Management

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Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management