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Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment

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 (revised 2023)*, the following is the Written Risk Assessment of St. Patrick's Senior National School.

List of School Activities	The school has identified the following risk of harm in respect of its activities	The school has the following procedures in place to address the risks of harm identified in this assessment
Training of school personnel in Child Protection matters	Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by school personnel	- Child Safeguarding Statement and DES procedures made available to all staff - DLP & DDLP to attend OIDE face to face training - All Staff to view Tusla training module & any other online training offered by OIDE
One to one teaching	Risk of harm by school personnel	- Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff - Special Educational Needs Policy - Glass in window - Appropriate seating arrangements
Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils	Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of pupils in school	- Supervision Policy - Health and Safety Policy
Pupils going on messages/jobs throughout the school	Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of pupils in school	- Health and Safety Policy - Two pupils must be sent on a message
Care of pupils with special needs, including intimate care needs	Risk of harm by school personnel	- Intimate Care Policy - Special Educational Needs Policy

Use of toilet areas in school	Risk of harm to pupils and inappropriate behaviour	· Supervision Policy · Only one pupil at a time permitted to use the toilet · Toilets are in each classroom - Use of designated toilet during breaks
Use of video/ photography/other media to record school events	Risk of harm caused via social media, texting, digital devices or other manner	· Acceptable Use Policy · Anti-Bullying Policy · Code of Behaviour · Smart Device Policy
Teachers using personal devices to take photographs and recordings	Risk of harm caused by member of school personnel accessing/circulating inappropriate material via social media, texting, digital device or other manner	· School cameras/digital devices to be used for photography/recording purposes · Data Protection Policy in line with GDPR
Bullying by pupils	Risk of pupils being harmed in the school by another pupil	· Anti-Bullying Policy · Stay Safe Programme · Code of Behaviour · Health and Safety Policy · Incident Report Sheets via Aladdin (Student Profiles)
Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school	Risk of harm due to pupils inappropriately accessing/using computers, social media, phones and other devices while at school	· ICT/ Acceptable Use Policy · Smart Device Policy · Anti-Bullying Policy · Code of Behaviour · School Broadband Firewall in place · Cyber Safety Information night for Parents · Cyber Safety Workshops for pupils
Administration of medicine Administration of First Aid	Risk of harm due to inappropriate guidance on the administration of medicine	· Administration of Medicine Policy · Health and Safety Policy · First Aid Policy
Students with Allergies	Risk of harm	· Healthy Eating Policy (Nut Free School) · Administration of Medicine Policy · Staff First Aid Training
Recreation Breaks	Risk of harm to pupils	· Supervision Policy · Code of Behaviour · Incident Reports on Aladdin

Classroom Teaching	Risk of harm from school personnel Risk of harm from other pupils	· Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff · Vetting requirements of the National Vetting Bureau in place · Code of Behaviour · Health and Safety Policy · Supervision Policy
Teachers out of classroom for a reason	Risk of harm to pupils	· Supervision Policy · Teacher informs nearest class teacher · Door left open · Pupils left work to complete
Movement breaks for pupils	Risk of harm by school personnel Risk of pupil being harmed in the school by volunteer or visitor to the school	· Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff · Vetting requirements of the National Vetting Bureau in place · Special Educational Needs Policy · Special Needs Assistant Policy
Outdoor teaching activities	Risk of harm by other pupils Risk of harm from accidents	· Supervision Policy · Code of Behaviour · Health and Safety Policy
Curricular provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe	Risk of harm to pupil due to non-teaching of specific curricular areas	· School implements SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe in full as per Department Guidelines
LGBT+ pupils	Risk of bullying	· Code of Behaviour · Anti-Bullying Policy · SPHE Policy
Student teachers undertaking training placement in school	Risk of pupil being harmed in the school by volunteer or visitor to the school	· Vetting requirements of the National Vetting Bureau in place · AP1 PQ Oversees
Students participating in Transition Year work experience	Risk of pupil being harmed in the school by volunteer or visitor to the school	· Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff · Vetting requirements of the National Vetting Bureau in place · AP1 PQ Oversees
Sporting Activities	Risk of accidents Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of pupils	· Supervision Policy · Code of Behaviour · Two teachers minimum with sporting teams · SNA cover on teams when required

School Outings	Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of pupils on outing	· School Tour Policy · Supervision Policy · Code of Behaviour
Managing of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint	Risk of injury to pupils and staff	· Code of Behaviour Policy · Anti-Bullying Policy · Special Needs Assistant Policy · Critical Incident Management Policy - Restraint Policy *
Application of Sanctions under the schools Code of Behaviour including detention of pupils, confiscation of phones, etc	Risk of harm due to inadequate Code of Behaviour	- Smart Device Policy - Code of Behaviour - Supervision Policy
Flight Risk	Risk of injury to pupils	· Supervision Policy
Sports Coaches visiting the school	Risk of pupil being harmed in the school by volunteer or visitor to the school	· Vetting requirements of the National Vetting Bureau in place
Active Week	Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of pupils in school Risk of accidents	· Supervision Policy · Code of Behaviour · First Aid Policy
Fundraising events involving pupils	Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of pupils in school	· Supervision Policy · Code of Behaviour · First Aid Policy
Use of off-site facilities for school activities	Risk of accidents Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of pupils in school Risk of harm by outside personnel	· First Aid Policy · Supervision Policy · Critical Incident Management Policy
Tour Transport	Risk of accidents Risk of harm by outside personnel	· School Tour Policy · First Aid Policy · Code of Behaviour · Critical Incident Management Policy
Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum	Risk of pupil being harmed in the school by volunteer or visitor to the school	· Vetting requirements of the National Vetting Bureau in place

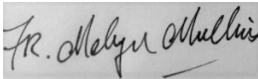
Care of pupils with specific needs/vulnerabilities such as · Pupils from ethnic minorities/migrants · Pupils with special educational needs · Members of the Traveller community · Pupils of minority religious faiths · Children in care · Children on Tusla's CPNS	Risk of pupil being harmed in the school by another pupil or adult	· Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff · Intimate Care Needs Policy · Anti-Bullying Policy · Special Educational Needs Policy · Special Needs Assistant Policy
Recruitment of school personnel including · Teachers · Special Needs Assistants · Caretaker/Secretary · Cleaners · Sports Coaches · External Tutors/Guest Speakers · Volunteers/Parents in school activities · Visitors/contractors present in school during school hours · Visitors/contractors during after school activities	Risk of harm not recognised or properly or promptly reported Risk of pupil being harmed in the school by volunteer or visitor to the school	· Child Safeguarding Statement and DES procedures made available to all staff · All Staff to view Tusla training module & any other online training offered by OIDE · Vetting requirements of the National Vetting Bureau in place
Fire Safety	Risk of harm to pupils	· Fire Safety Policy · Fire Drill one per term · AP1 PQ Oversees
Use of school premises by other organisation during school day	Risk of pupil being harmed in the school by volunteer or visitor to the school	· Child Safeguarding Statement and DES procedures made available to all staff · Vetting requirements of the National Vetting Bureau in place · Use of Premises Policy
After school use of school premises by other organisations	Risk of pupil being harmed in the school by volunteer or visitor to the school	· Vetting requirements of the National Vetting Bureau in place · Use of Premises 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 (revised 2023)*

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.

*Procedure in place, policy pending.

Signed 
Chairperson, Board of Management

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Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management

Date: 7.10.25