



Ériu Community College

CSS1

Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment

For:	Ériu Community College	(School Name)
At:	Barnwell Rd., Hansfield, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15. D15 X4XT	(School Address)

This school is a: (tick appropriate) ☐ primary ☒ post-primary ☐ special school.

In accordance with the requirements of the Children First Act 2015, Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017, the Addendum to Children First (2019) and 2025, Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025 and Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice, 2nd ed. (Tusla, 2024), the board of management has adopted the Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment set out in this document.

The board of management has adopted and will implement fully and without modification the department's Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025 as part of this overall Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment.

Name of the Designated Liaison Person (DLP):

Mr Michael Flynn

Name of the Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP/DDLP):

Ms Karen O'Donovan

In the absence of the DLP, the Deputy DLP shall assume responsibilities of the DLP.

Name of Relevant Person

Mr Michael Flynn

(In schools this person is the DLP)

Relevant Person can be contacted on:

01 9633353

childprotection@eriucc.ie

Under the Children First Act 2015 Relevant Person means a person who is appointed by a provider of a relevant service to be the first point of contact in respect of the Child Safeguarding Statement. This person is nominated by the board of management to manage and provide oversight of child protection concerns/allegations of child abuse.

Name of Chairperson of the board of management, or in an ETB school the Chief Executive or their delegate:

Ms Caitriona Murphy

In the event that both DLP and DDLP are absent and unavailable, and where there is no staff member formally acting in their role, the chairperson of the board of management, or in an ETB school the chief executive or their delegate, assumes the role of DLP.



The board of management recognises that child protection and safeguarding permeate all aspects of school life and must be reflected in all of the school's policies, procedures, practices and activities. In all of these, the school will adhere to the following principles of best practice in child protection and welfare. The school will:

- ☐ Recognise that the protection and welfare of children is of paramount importance, regardless of all other considerations.
- ☐ Fully comply with its statutory obligations under the Children First Act 2015 and other relevant legislation relating to the protection and welfare of children.
- ☐ Fully co-operate with the relevant statutory authorities in relation to child protection and welfare matters.
- ☐ Adopt safe practices to minimise the possibility of harm happening to children and protect members of school personnel from the necessity to take unnecessary risks that may leave themselves open to accusations of child abuse.
- ☐ Develop a practice of openness with parents and encourage parental involvement in the education of their children.
- ☐ Fully respect confidentiality requirements as set out in the Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025 in dealing with child protection matters.
- ☐ Adhere to the above principles in relation to any vulnerable adult.

Procedures and Measures in Place

Our Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, the *Children First: National Guidance 2017*, and *Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice, 2nd ed. (Tusla, 2024)*, and the *Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025*. In addition to the procedures listed in our risk assessment, the following procedures support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our service:

> Procedure for the Management of Allegations of Abuse or Misconduct against School Personnel Relating to a Child Availing of Our Service

~ Where any member of school personnel is the subject of any investigation in respect of any act, omission or circumstance in relation to a child attending the school, the school is required to adhere to the relevant procedures set out in Chapter 7 of the *Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025* and to the relevant agreed disciplinary procedures for school staff which are published on the gov.ie website.



> Procedure for the Safe Recruitment and Selection of School Personnel to Work With Children

- ~ The school is required to adhere to the requirements of the Vetting Act. The selection or recruitment of staff and their suitability to work with children, requires the school to adhere to the statutory vetting requirements of the National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Acts 2012 to 2016, and to the wider duty of care guidance set out in relevant Garda vetting and recruitment circulars published by the Department of Education and Youth and available on the gov.ie website and as outlined in Chapter 10 of the procedures.
- ~ A written protocol is in place authorising immediate action for cases which require an employee to be immediately absented from school for child safeguarding reasons.

> Procedure for Provision of and Access to Child Safeguarding Training and Information, Including the Identification of the Occurrence of Harm

- ~ The school provides information and training to members of school personnel in relation to the identification of the occurrence of harm (as defined in the 2015 Act) as follows:
 - ~ The school has provided each member of school personnel, including any new members of school personnel, (employees and volunteers, board of management members, student teachers and those on work experience) with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment.
 - ~ The school ensures that members of school personnel have availed of relevant training and completed child protection training.
 - ~ The school encourages board of management members to avail of any relevant training and complete child protection training.
 - ~ The board of management ensures that records of all staff and board member child protection training are maintained.

> Procedure for the Reporting of Child Protection or Welfare Concerns to Tusla

- ~ All members of school personnel are required to adhere to the procedures set out in the *Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025*, in relation to reporting of child protection concerns to Tusla. Mandated reporting applies to all registered teachers and any other mandated person who may be employed by the school, for example a chaplain or nurse. A full list of those people who are mandated persons is set out in Appendix 1 procedures.

> Procedure for Maintaining a List of the Persons (if any) in the Relevant Service Who Are Mandated Persons

- ~ There is a procedure in place to maintain a list of mandated persons. Schools may on occasion employ additional staff who are mandated by virtue of their profession. This list will include all registered teachers and identify additional employees that are not registered teachers.



> Procedure for Appointing a Relevant Person (In schools this person is the DLP)

~ There is a procedure in place for appointing a relevant person.

The various procedures referred to in this Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment can be accessed via the school's website, the gov.ie website or will be made available on request by the school.

In accordance with the Children First Act 2015, the Addendum to Children First 2019 and 2025, and the *Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025*, the board of management carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while attending the school or participating in school activities. A written assessment setting out the areas of risk identified and the school's procedures for managing those risks is included with the Child Safeguarding Statement.

Note: The procedures and measures in place outlined above, are not intended as exhaustive list. Individual boards of management shall also include in this section such other procedures and measures that are of relevance to the school.

This statement has been published on the school's website or will be made available on request by the school. It has been provided to all members of school personnel, the parents' association (if any), the patron and parents. A copy of this statement and risk assessment will be made available to Tusla and the department if requested.

This Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment will be reviewed annually or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which this statement refers.



Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment

**N.B. Indicates where the following procedure/measures in place to mitigate risk is relevant: All school personnel are provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment, the Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025 are made available to all school personnel as well as training in this area, School personnel are required to adhere to the Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025 and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the Children First Act 2015 as well as supporting the continued implementation of the best practice guide set out in Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017 and its addenda, including the Addendum to Children First 2019 and 2025, the school has a code of conduct for school personnel, the school complies with the agreed disciplinary procedures for teaching staff, the school encourages personnel to avail of relevant training.*

	List of School Activities	Risks Identified Against Each School Activity	Procedures/Measures in place to Mitigate Risk
1.	Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils	Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel. Risk of harm not being reported promptly by members of school personnel. Risk of child being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel. Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child. Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children in school.	The school has a supervision policy to ensure appropriate supervision of children during assembly, dismissal and breaks and in respect of specific areas such as toilets. Morning supervision begins at 8.35. A rota is in place before we begin the school year. Parents are informed of this and asked that students do not arrive before this time. Show students a safe way to navigate the campus at the beginning of the academic year. Ensure visitors on site have signed in at reception. School authorities have a code of behaviour and an anti-bullying policy in place in accordance with the department's 'Bí Cineálta' procedures to prevent and address bullying in schools and as outlined in Circular 55/2024.
2.	Recreation breaks for pupils.	Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel. Risk of harm not being reported promptly by members of school personnel. Risk of child being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel. Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child. Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children in school.	The school has a supervision policy to ensure appropriate supervision of children during assembly, dismissal and breaks and in respect of specific areas such as toilets. Ensure visitors on site have signed in at reception. School authorities have a code of behaviour and an anti-bullying policy in place in accordance with the department's 'Bí Cineálta' procedures to prevent and address bullying in schools and as outlined in Circular 55/2024.
3.	Classroom teaching	Students at risk if teacher is not present in the room. Risk of child being harmed in the school by member of school personnel. Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child. Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children in school. Risk of harm not being reported promptly by members of school personnel.	*All school personnel are provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment; the Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025 are made available to all school personnel as well as training in this area. School personnel are required to adhere to the Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025 and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the Children First Act 2015 as well as supporting the continued implementation of the best practice guide set out in Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017 and its addenda, including the Addendum to Children First 2019 and 2025. The school has a code of conduct for school personnel, the school



Child Protection Statement and Risk Assessment

	List of School Activities	Risks Identified Against Each School Activity	Procedures/Measures in place to Mitigate Risk
			complies with the agreed disciplinary procedures for teaching staff, the school encourages personnel to avail of relevant training. * All classroom doors have a glass panel.
4.	One-to-one teaching	Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel. Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children in school. Risk of harm not being reported promptly by members of school personnel.	* All classroom doors have a glass panel.
5.	One-to-one learning support	Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel. Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children in school. Risk of harm not being reported promptly by members of school personnel.	* All classroom doors have a glass panel.
6.	One-to-one counselling	Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel. Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children in school. Risk of harm not being reported promptly by members of school personnel.	* The school has in place procedures for one-to-one counselling. All classroom doors have a glass panel.
7.	Outdoor teaching activities	Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel. Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children while attending out-of-school activities. Risk of child being harmed or injured during the activity by another child.	* The school has a health & safety policy. Adequate numbers of staff are assigned to each teaching group in the school.
8.	Sporting activities	Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel. Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children while attending out-of-school activities. Risk of child being harmed or injured during the activity by another child or by a member of the public.	* Adequate supervision is provided for all sporting activities to ensure safety. The school has a health & safety policy. The school has a Visitor Policy. The DDLETB & school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation.
9.	School outings	Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel. Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children while attending out-of-school activities. Risk of child being harmed or injured during the activity by another child or by a member of the public.	* Adequate supervision is provided for all school outings to ensure safety. The school has a health & safety policy.
10.	School Trips involving overnight stay.	Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel. Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children while attending out-of-school activities. Risk of child being harmed or injured during the activity by another child or by a member of the public.	* Adequate supervision is provided for all school outings to ensure safety. The school has a health & safety policy
11.	School Trips involving foreign travel.	Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel. Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children while attending out-of-school activities. Risk of child being harmed or injured during the activity by another child or by a member of the public.	* Adequate supervision is provided for all school outings to ensure safety. The school has a health & safety policy.

Child Protection Statement and Risk Assessment



	List of School Activities	Risks Identified Against Each School Activity	Procedures/Measures in place to Mitigate Risk
12.	Use of toilet areas in school	Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel, risk of harm due to inadequate supervision. Risk of harm due to bullying.	The school has a supervision policy to ensure appropriate supervision of children during assembly, dismissal and breaks and in respect of specific areas such as toilets. A rota is in place before we begin the school year. Ensure visitors on site have signed in at reception. School authorities have a code of behaviour and an anti-bullying policy in place in accordance with the department's 'Bí Cineálta' procedures to prevent and address bullying in schools and as outlined in Circular 55/2024.
13.	Annual Sports Day	Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel. Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children. Risk of child being harmed or injured during the activity by another child or by a member of school personnel. Risk of child being bullied.	* Adequate supervision is provided for all sporting activities to ensure safety. School authorities have a code of behaviour and an anti-bullying policy in place in accordance with the department's 'Bí Cineálta' procedures to prevent and address bullying in schools and as outlined in Circular 55/2024.
14.	Fundraising events involving pupils.	Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel. Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children. Risk of child being harmed or injured during the activity by another child or by a member of school personnel, or by a member of the public.	* Adequate supervision is provided for all sporting activities to ensure safety. School authorities have a code of behaviour and an anti-bullying policy in place in accordance with the department's 'Bí Cineálta' procedures to prevent and address bullying in schools and as outlined in Circular 55/2024.
15.	Use of off-site facilities for school activities	Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel, a member of staff of another organisation or other person while the child is participating in out-of-school activities. Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children. Risk of child being harmed or injured during the activity by another child.	* Adequate supervision is provided for all sporting activities to ensure safety. School authorities have a code of behaviour and an anti-bullying policy in place in accordance with the department's 'Bí Cineálta' procedures to prevent and address bullying in schools and as outlined in Circular 55/2024.
16.	School transport arrangements including use of bus escorts.	Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel. Risk of harm not being reported promptly by members of school personnel. Risk of child being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel. Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child. Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children in school. Risk of harm due to bullying.	* The school has a health & safety policy. Adequate supervision is provided for all sporting activities to ensure safety. The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation. School authorities have a code of behaviour and an anti-bullying policy in place in accordance with the department's 'Bí Cineálta' procedures to prevent and address bullying in schools and as outlined in Circular 55/2024.
17.	Care of children with special educational needs, including intimate care where needed.	Risk of harm to children with additional educational needs who have particular vulnerabilities, including medical vulnerabilities. Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel. Risk of harm not being reported promptly by members of school personnel. Risk of child being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel. Risk of	* Risk Assessments are carried out to assess possible risks. The school has a health & safety policy. Adequate numbers of staff are assigned to each teaching group in the school. The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation. The school has procedures in



Child Protection Statement and Risk Assessment

	List of School Activities	Risks Identified Against Each School Activity	Procedures/Measures in place to Mitigate Risk
		child being harmed in the school by another child. Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children in school.	place for providing students with intimate care when needed.
18.	Management of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint where required.	Risk of harm to children with additional behavioural needs who have particular vulnerabilities	The school supplied training carried out by CPI for SNAs. The school has complied with the Understanding Behaviours of Concern and Responding to Crisis Situations developed by the Department of Education and Youth to address uncertainty for staff on how to respond when facing crisis situations where there are concerns regarding physical safety.
19.	Administration of Medicine	Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel. Risk of harm not being reported promptly by members of school personnel. Risk of child being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel.	* The school has trained personnel for First Aid, who are known to the school community.
20.	Administration of First Aid	Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel. Risk of harm not being reported promptly by members of school personnel. Risk of child being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel. Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child. Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children in school.	* The school has trained personnel for First Aid, who are known to the school community.
21.	Curricular provision in respect of SPHE and RSE	Risk of harm due to misinformation. Risk of harm from other students. Risk of harm due to inadequate code of behaviour.	The school implements in full the Social, personal and Health Education Curriculum, including RSE, the school implements in full the Wellbeing Programme at Junior Cycle. School authorities have a code of behaviour and an anti-bullying policy in place in accordance with the department's 'Bí Cineálta' procedures to prevent and address bullying in schools and as outlined in Circular 55/2024.
22.	Prevention and dealing with bullying among pupils	Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child. Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel. Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by members of the school personnel.	School authorities have a code of behaviour and an anti-bullying policy in place in accordance with the department's 'Bí Cineálta' procedures to prevent and address bullying in school and as outlined in circular 55/2024. The school has a supervision policy to ensure appropriate supervision of children during assembly, dismissal and breaks and in respect of specific areas such as toilets.
23.	Training of school personnel in child protection matters	Risk of harm where members of school personnel have not yet received appropriate training. Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by members of school personnel	* Please note information outlined at start of this statement



Child Protection Statement and Risk Assessment

	List of School Activities	Risks Identified Against Each School Activity	Procedures/Measures in place to Mitigate Risk
24.	Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum	Risk of harm where members of external school personnel have not yet received appropriate training. Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by members of external school personnel. Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children while attending out-of-school activities.	* As per our Visitor Policy, a visiting teacher / coach must be accompanied by a member of staff at all times. Visitors must sign in at reception where they receive a lanyard with child safety tips which they must wear for the duration of the visit.
25.	Use of external personnel to support sports and other extra-curricular activities	Risk of harm where members of external school personnel have not yet received appropriate training, risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by members of external school personnel, risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children while attending out-of-school activities.	* As per our Visitor Policy, a visiting teacher / coach must be accompanied by a member of staff at all times. Visitors must sign in at reception where they receive a lanyard with child safety tips which they must wear for the duration of the visit.
26.	Care of pupils with specific vulnerabilities / needs	Risk of harm to children with special educational needs who have particular vulnerabilities, including medical vulnerabilities. Risk of harm to a child while a child is receiving intimate care.	* The school has an intimate care policy/plan in respect of students who require such care.
27.	Pupils from ethnic minorities / migrants	Risk of harm due to bullying of a child. Risk of harm due to racism. Risk of harm due to inadequate code of behaviour.	School authorities have a code of behaviour and an anti-bullying policy in place in accordance with the department's 'Bí Cineálta' procedures to prevent and address bullying in schools and as outlined in Circular 55/2024. The school undertakes anti-racism awareness initiatives. The school has a yard/playground supervision policy to ensure appropriate supervision of children during assembly, dismissal and breaks and in respect of specific areas such as toilets. The school has a health and safety policy.
28.	Members of the Traveller Community	Risk of harm due to bullying of a child. Risk of harm due to racism. Risk of harm due to inadequate code of behaviour.	School authorities have a code of behaviour and an anti-bullying policy in place in accordance with the department's 'Bí Cineálta' procedures to prevent and address bullying in schools and as outlined in Circular 55/2024. The school undertakes anti-racism awareness initiatives. The school has a yard/playground supervision policy to ensure appropriate supervision of children during assembly, dismissal and breaks and in respect of specific areas such as toilets. The school has a health and safety policy.
29.	Lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT) pupils	Risk of harm due to bullying of a child. Risk of harm due to inadequate code of behaviour.	School authorities have a code of behaviour and an anti-bullying policy in place in accordance with the department's 'Bí Cineálta' procedures to prevent and address bullying in schools and as outlined in Circular 55/2024. The school has a yard/playground supervision policy to ensure appropriate supervision of children during assembly, dismissal and breaks and in respect of specific areas such as toilets. The school has a health and safety policy.

Child Protection Statement and Risk Assessment



	List of School Activities	Risks Identified Against Each School Activity	Procedures/Measures in place to Mitigate Risk
30.	Pupils perceived to be LGBT	Risk of harm due to bullying of a child. Risk of harm due to inadequate code of behaviour.	School authorities have a code of behaviour and an anti-bullying policy in place in accordance with the department's 'Bí Cineálta' procedures to prevent and address bullying in schools and as outlined in Circular 55/2024. The school has a yard/playground supervision policy to ensure appropriate supervision of children during assembly, dismissal and breaks and in respect of specific areas such as toilets. The school has a health and safety policy.
31.	Pupils of minority religious faiths	Risk of harm due to bullying of a child. Risk of harm due to inadequate code of behaviour.	School authorities have a code of behaviour and an anti-bullying policy in place in accordance with the department's 'Bí Cineálta' procedures to prevent and address bullying in schools and as outlined in Circular 55/2024. The school has a yard/playground supervision policy to ensure appropriate supervision of children during assembly, dismissal and breaks and in respect of specific areas such as toilets. The school has a health and safety policy.
32.	Pupils in care	Risk of harm due to inappropriate relationship/communications between a child and another child or adult.	The school implements in full the Social, Personal, and Health Education (SPHE) curriculum. The school implements in full the Wellbeing Programme at Junior Cycle. The school has complied with the Understanding Behaviours of Concern and Responding to Crisis Situations developed by the Department of Education and Youth to address uncertainty for staff on how to respond when facing crisis situations where there are concerns regarding physical safety.
33.	Pupils on Tusla's Child Protection Notification System	Risk of harm due to inappropriate relationship/communications between a child and another child or adult.	The school implements in full the Social, Personal, and Health Education (SPHE) curriculum. The school implements in full the Wellbeing Programme at Junior Cycle. The school has complied with the Understanding Behaviours of Concern and Responding to Crisis Situations developed by the Department of Education and Youth to address uncertainty for staff on how to respond when facing crisis situations where there are concerns regarding physical safety.
34.	Recruitment of personnel including teachers, SNAs, caretakers, secretaries, cleaners & sports coaches	Risk of harm where members of school personnel have not received appropriate training, risk of child being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel, risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel, a member of staff of another organisation or other person while a child is participating in out-of-school activities, e.g. school trip, swimming lessons	* The DDLETB & school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation.



Child Protection Statement and Risk Assessment

	List of School Activities	Risks Identified Against Each School Activity	Procedures/Measures in place to Mitigate Risk
35.	External tutors / Guest Speakers	Risk of harm where members of external school personnel have not yet received appropriate training. Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by members of external school personnel. Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children while attending out-of-school activities.	* As per our Visitor Policy, a visiting teacher / coach must be accompanied by a member of staff at all times. Visitors must sign in at reception where they receive a lanyard with child safety tips which they must wear for the duration of the visit.
36.	Volunteers / Parents in the School	Risk of harm where members of external school personnel have not yet received appropriate training. Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by members of external school personnel. Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children.	* As per our Visitor Policy, a visiting teacher / coach must be accompanied by a member of staff at all times. Visitors must sign in at reception where they receive a lanyard with child safety tips which they must wear for the duration of the visit.
37.	Visitors / Contractors present in the school during school hours	Risk of harm where members of external school personnel have not yet received appropriate training. Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by members of external school personnel. Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children.	* As per our Visitor Policy, a visiting teacher / coach must be accompanied by a member of staff at all times. Visitors must sign in at reception where they receive a lanyard with child safety tips which they must wear for the duration of the visit. Where possible, the school will employ contractors outside of school time.
38.	Visitors / Contractors present during after-school activities	Risk of harm where members of external school personnel have not yet received appropriate training. Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by members of external school personnel. Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children while attending out-of-school activities.	* As per our Visitor Policy, a visiting teacher / coach must be accompanied by a member of staff at all times. Visitors must sign in at the office and wear a visitor lanyard for the duration of their visit. Where possible, the school will employ contractors outside of school time.
39.	Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in the school, including social media	Risk of harm caused by a member of school personnel communicating with pupils in an inappropriate manner via social media, texting, digital device, or other manner. Risk of harm caused by a member of school personnel accessing/circulating inappropriate material via social media, texting, digital device or other manner. Risk of harm caused by the sharing of images of peers or circulating harmful messages.	* 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. School authorities have a code of behaviour and an anti-bullying policy in place in accordance with the department's 'Bí Cineálta' procedures to prevent and address bullying in schools and as outlined in Circular 55/2024. The school has a yard/playground supervision policy to ensure appropriate supervision of children during assembly, dismissal and breaks and in respect of specific areas such as toilets. The school has a health and safety policy.
40.	Application of sanctions under the school's Code of Behaviour including detention of pupils, confiscation of phones etc.	Risk of harm due to inadequate code of behaviour. Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children in school. Risk of child being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel. Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child. Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children in school.	* School authorities have a code of behaviour and an anti-bullying policy in place in accordance with the department's 'Bí Cineálta' procedures to prevent and address bullying in schools and as outlined in Circular 55/2024. The school has a yard/playground supervision policy to ensure appropriate supervision of children during assembly, dismissal and breaks and in respect of specific areas

Child Protection Statement and Risk Assessment



	List of School Activities	Risks Identified Against Each School Activity	Procedures/Measures in place to Mitigate Risk
			such as toilets. The school has a health and safety policy. These policies are reviewed on a regular basis.
41.	Students participating in work experience in the school	Risk of harm where members of external school personnel have not yet received appropriate training. Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by members of external school personnel. Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children.	The school has guidelines for Work Experience to ensure safety for all. The school shares information with employers in relation to insurance. In preparation for Work Experience, the Programme Co-Ordinator addresses issues such as Garda Vetting, problem scenarios on the first day of employment, expectations of employers and health & safety.
42.	Students from the school participating in work experience elsewhere	Risk of harm where members of external school personnel have not yet received appropriate training. Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by members of external school personnel. Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children while attending out-of-school activities.	The school has guidelines for Work Experience to ensure safety for all. The school shares information with employers in relation to insurance. In preparation for Work Experience, the Programme Co-Ordinator addresses issues such as Garda Vetting, problem scenarios on the first day of employment, expectations of employers and health & safety.
43.	Student teachers undertaking training placement in the school	Risk of harm where members of external school personnel have not yet received appropriate training. Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by members of external school personnel. Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children.	* The DDLETB & school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation. The school contacts each employer to ensure suitable arrangements are in place before student takes up work placement, e.g. safety induction, supervision arrangements and insurance arrangements. A student on work placement has access to the employer's safety statement and in particular the risk assessments relating to his / her job.
44.	Use of video/photography/other media to record school events	Risk of harm due to inappropriate relationship / communications between a child and another child or adult. Risk of harm due to children inappropriately accessing / using computers, social media, phones and other devices while at school. Risk of harm caused by a member of school personnel communicating with pupils in an inappropriate manner via social media, texting, digital device, or other manner. Risk of harm caused by a member of school personnel accessing/circulating inappropriate material via social media, texting, digital device or other manner.	* School authorities have a code of behaviour and an anti-bullying policy in place in accordance with the department's 'Bí Cineálta' procedures to prevent and address bullying in schools and as outlined in Circular 55/2024. The school has a yard/playground supervision policy to ensure appropriate supervision of children during assembly, dismissal and breaks and in respect of specific areas such as toilets. The school has a health and safety policy. 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.
45.	Breakfast Club / Check & Connect	Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel. Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children in school. Risk of harm not being reported promptly by members of school personnel. Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child.	* School authorities have a code of behaviour and an anti-bullying policy in place in accordance with the department's 'Bí Cineálta' procedures to prevent and address bullying in schools and as outlined in Circular 55/2024. The

Child Protection Statement and Risk Assessment



	List of School Activities	Risks Identified Against Each School Activity	Procedures/Measures in place to Mitigate Risk
			school has a yard/playground supervision policy to ensure appropriate supervision of children during assembly, dismissal and breaks and in respect of specific areas such as toilets. The school has a health and safety policy
46.	Sharing of Hansfield ETSS school premises and facilities during the school day	Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel. Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children while attending school. Risk of child being harmed or injured by another child or by a member of the Hansfield ETSS community.	* Adequate supervision is provided for all school outings to ensure safety. The school has a health & safety policy. School authorities have a code of behaviour and an anti-bullying policy in place in accordance with the department's 'Bí Cineálta' procedures to prevent and address bullying in schools and as outlined in Circular 55/2024. The school has a yard/playground supervision policy to ensure appropriate supervision of children during assembly, dismissal and breaks and in respect of specific areas such as toilets.
47.	Use of Hansfield ETSS school premises by other organisations	Risk of child being harmed or injured by another child or by a member of the Hansfield ETSS community, or an external group using the school facilities.	Reporting procedures available by email or phone as outlined above. Good communication exists between both school leadership teams.
48.	Outside State Examiners – Orals, Practicals, Interviews, etc.	Risk of harm where members of external school personnel have not yet received appropriate training. Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by members of external school personnel. Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children.	* Visitors must sign in at reception where they receive a lanyard with child safety tips which they must wear for the duration of the visit.
49.	Homework club / Evening Study	Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel. Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children in school. Risk of harm not being reported promptly by members of school personnel. Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child.	* Adequate supervision is provided for all school outings to ensure safety. The school has a health & safety policy. School authorities have a code of behaviour and an anti-bullying policy in place in accordance with the department's 'Bí Cineálta' procedures to prevent and address bullying in schools and as outlined in Circular 55/2024. The school has a yard/playground supervision policy to ensure appropriate supervision of children during assembly, dismissal and breaks and in respect of specific areas such as toilets.
50.	Free class	Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel. Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children in school. Risk of harm not being reported promptly by members of school personnel. Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child.	* Adequate supervision is provided for all school outings to ensure safety. The school has a health & safety policy. School authorities have a code of behaviour and an anti-bullying policy in place in accordance with the department's 'Bí Cineálta' procedures to prevent and address bullying in schools and as outlined in Circular 55/2024. The school has a yard/playground supervision policy to ensure appropriate supervision of children during assembly, dismissal and breaks and in respect of specific areas such as toilets.

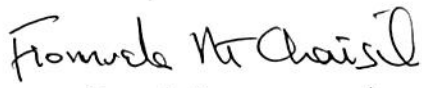
Appendix F

Notification regarding the board of management's annual review of the school's Bí Cineálta Policy

The Board of Management of **Ériu Community College**

confirms that the board of management's annual review of the school's Bí Cineálta Policy to Prevent and Address Bullying Behaviour and its implementation was completed at the board of management meeting of **8/20/26** [date].

This review was conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Education's *Bí Cineálta Procedures to Prevent and Address Bullying Behaviour for Primary and Post-Primary Schools*.

Signed: 
(Chairperson of board of management)

Signed: 
(Principal)

Date: **8/20/26**

Date: **8/20/26**

Date of next review: **6/1/27**

Child Protection Statement and Risk Assessment



In accordance with Section 11 of the Children First Act 2015 and with the requirements of Chapter 9 of the Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025, the following is the written Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment.

In undertaking this Child Safeguarding Statement and 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 Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment was reviewed by the board of management on _____ (most recent review date)

Signed: *	<i>Fiomala McChaisil</i>	Date:
------------------	--------------------------	--------------

Chairperson of the board of management

Signed: *	<i>Michael J. Flynn</i>	Date: <i>20/8/26.</i>
------------------	-------------------------	------------------------------

Principal/Secretary to the board of management

This Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment is expected to be reviewed again on _____ (expected review date)

** Document to be printed and signed with original signatures*