



Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment

Written Assessment of Risk of St Benignus NS, Balcadden

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 School 2017, the following is the Written Risk Assessment of St Benignus NS, Balcadden.

List of School Activities	Risk Level	The School has identified the following Risk of harm in respect of its activities	The School has the following Procedures in place to address risks of harm identified in this assessment
Staff			
Training of school personnel in Child Protection matters	High	Harm not recognised or reported promptly	Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff DLP& DDLP attended PDST face to face training All Staff viewed PDST training module BOM records all records of staff and board training
One to one teaching	Medium	Harm by school personnel	School's Special Needs Policy details procedures in place for one to one teaching Open doors Table between teacher and pupil Glass in window
Care of Children with special needs, including intimate care needs	High	Harm by school personnel	Intimate Care and Toileting Policy
Toilet areas	High	Inappropriate behaviour	Supervision and Usage Policy
Curricular Provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay safe.	Medium	Non-teaching of same	School implements SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe in full
LGBT Children/Pupils perceived to be LGBT	Low	Bullying	Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Good Behaviour



<p>Care of pupils with specific vulnerabilities/ needs such as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils from ethnic minorities/migrants • Members of the Traveller community • Lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT) children • Pupils perceived to be LGBT • Pupils of minority religious faiths • Children in care • Children on CPNS 	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Harm to pupils</p>	<p>Anti-Bullying Policy</p>
<p>Recruitment of school personnel including -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p>High</p>	<p>Harm not recognised or properly or promptly reported</p>	<p>Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff</p> <p>Staff to view Tusla training module & any other online training offered by PDST</p> <p>Vetting Procedures</p>
<p>Day-to-day activities</p>	<p>Risk Level</p>	<p>The school has identified the following risk of harm</p>	<p>The School has the following Procedures in place to address risk identified in this assessment</p>
<p>Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Harm from older pupils, unknown adults on the playground</p>	<p>Supervision and Usage Policy</p>
<p>Managing of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Injury to pupils and staff</p>	<p>Health & Safety Policy Code of Good Behaviour</p>
<p>Recreation breaks for pupils</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Harm to pupils</p>	<p>Supervision and Usage Policy</p>



Use of toilet/changing areas in schools	High	Harm to pupils	Supervision and Usage Policy
Outdoor teaching activities	High	Harm to pupil	School Tour and Excursions Policy
Administration of First Aid	High	Risk to pupils	Medication Administration, Illness and Accident Policy
Administration of Medicine	High	Risk to pupils	Medication Administration, Illness and Accident Policy
Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils	High	Harm to pupils	Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Good Behaviour
Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school	High	Cyber-Bullying	ICT policy/AUP Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Good Behaviour
Application of sanctions under the school's Code of Good Behaviour including detention of pupils, confiscation of phones etc.	High	Harm to pupils	Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Good Behaviour Mobile Phone Policy
Outside personnel	Risk Level	The school has identified the following risk of harm	The School has the following Procedures in place to address risk identified in this assessment
Sports Coaches	Med	Harm to pupils	Supervision and Usage Policy Class teacher always supervise coaching sessions
Students participating in work experience	Low	Harm to pupils	Work Experience Policy Child Safeguarding Statement.
Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum	Medium	Harm to pupils	Supervision and Usage Policy



Use of school premises by other organisation during school day	Low	Harm to pupils	Supervision and Usage Policy
Students participating in work experience in the school	Medium	Harm to pupils	Work Experience Policy
Student teachers undertaking training placement in school	High	Harm to pupils	Work Experience Policy
After school use of school premises by other organisations	Low	Harm to participants	Board of Management procedures
Occasional Activities	Risk Level	The school has identified the following risk of harm	The School has the following Procedures in place to address risk identified in this assessment
School outings	High	Harm to pupils	School Tour and Excursions Policy
Sporting Activities/After school football and athletics	High	Harm to pupil	Supervision and Usage Policy
Annual Sports Day	Medium	Inappropriate behaviour from visitors	Sports Day Policy
Fundraising events involving pupils	High	Inappropriate behaviour of attendees	Supervision and Usage Policy
Use of off-site facilities for school activities	High	Unsupervised pupil behaviour	School Tour and excursions policy
School transport arrangements	Medium	Harm to pupils	School Tour and excursions policy



Use of video/photography/other media to record school events	Medium	Inappropriate distribution of images	Acceptable Use Policy Data Protection Policy
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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 _____. It shall be reviewed as part of the school’s annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

Signed _____ Date _____

(Chairperson, Board of Management)

Signed _____ Date _____

(Principal)