



## *Gaelscoil Ó Doghair*

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### Child Safeguarding Statement & Risk Assessment

#### Child Safeguarding Statement

Gaelscoil Ó Doghair is a primary school providing primary education to pupils from Junior Infants to Sixth Class.

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), the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools (revised 2023) and Tusla Guidance on the preparation of Child Safeguarding Statements, the Board of Management of Gaelscoil Ó Doghair has agreed the Child Safeguarding Statement set out in this document.

1 The Board of Management has adopted and will implement fully and without modification the Department's *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools (revised (2023))* as part of this overall Child Safeguarding Statement

**CAITLÍN MÓINBHÍOL**

2 The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is

**VALERIE NÍ CHONDÚÍN**

3 The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP) is

**CAITLÍN MÓINBHÍOL**

4 The Relevant Person is

(The relevant person is one who can provide information in respect of how the child safeguarding statement was developed and will be able to provide the statement on request. In a school setting the relevant person shall be the designated liaison person.)

5 The Board of Management recognises that child protection and welfare considerations permeate all aspects of school life and must be reflected in all of the school's policies, procedures, practices and activities. In its policies, procedures, practices and activities, 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 or accidents happening to children and protect workers from the necessity to take unnecessary risks that may leave themselves open to accusations of abuse or neglect;
- develop a practice of openness with parents and encourage parental involvement in the education of their children; and
- fully respect confidentiality requirements in dealing with child protection matters.

The school will also adhere to the above principles in relation to any adult pupil with a special vulnerability.

6 The following procedures/measures are in place:

- In relation to any member of staff who is the subject of any investigation (howsoever described) in respect of any act, omission or circumstance in respect of a child attending the school, the school adheres to the relevant procedures set out in Chapter 7 of the *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools (revised 2023)* and to the relevant agreed disciplinary procedures for school staff which are published on the gov.ie website.
- In relation to the selection or recruitment of staff and their suitability to work with children, the school adheres 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 available on the gov.ie website.
- In relation to the provision of information and, where necessary, instruction and training, to staff in respect of the identification of the occurrence of harm (as defined in the 2015 Act) the school-
  - Ø Has provided each member of staff with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement
  - Ø Ensures all new staff are provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement
  - Ø Encourages staff to avail of relevant training
  - Ø Encourages Board of Management members to avail of relevant training
  - Ø The Board of Management maintains records of all staff and Board member training

- In relation to reporting of child protection concerns to Tusla, all school personnel are required to adhere to the procedures set out in the *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools (revised 2023)*, including in the case of registered teachers, those in relation to mandated reporting under the Children First Act 2015.
- All registered teachers employed by the school are mandated persons under the Children First Act 2015.
- In accordance with the Children First Act 2015 and the Addendum to Children First (2019), the Board has 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.
- The various procedures referred to in this Statement can be accessed via the school's website, the gov.ie website or will be made available on request by the school.

Note: The above is not intended as an exhaustive list. Individual Boards of Management shall also include in this section such other procedures/measures that are of relevance to the school in question.

- 7 This statement has been published on the school's website and has been provided to all members of school personnel, the Parents' Association (if any) and the patron. It is readily accessible to parents and guardians on request. A copy of this Statement will be made available to Tusla and the Department if requested.
- 8 This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed annually or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which this statement refers.

This Child Safeguarding Statement was adopted by the Board of Management on 18/10/2023. (07/03/2018 Original)

This Child Safeguarding Statement was reviewed by the Board of Management on 23/10/2025 [most recent review date].

Signed: David Curran

Chairperson of Board of Management

Date: 23/10/2025

Signed: Caitie McInbhir

Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management

Date: 23/10/2025

## Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment

### Written Assessment of Risk of Gaelscoil Ó Doghair

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 Gaelscoil Ó Doghair.

School Activity	Risk of Harm	Procedures in place to address risk
<p><b>Training of school personnel in Child Protection matters</b></p>	<p>Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by school personnel</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All school personnel are provided with a copy of the school's <i>Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment</i>.</li> <li>• The <i>Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025</i> are made available to all school personnel.</li> <li>• 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 guidance 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</li> <li>• DLP &amp; DDLP to attend in-person training Child Protection Procedures for DLPs and DDLPs 2025/26</li> <li>• A written protocol is in place authorising immediate action for cases which require an employee to be immediately absent from school for child safeguarding reasons</li> <li>• All Staff to view Tusla training module &amp;/or any other online training ....</li> <li>• Children First E-learning programme for Mandated persons</li> <li>• Children First Universal E-learning programme</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School staff to attend Child Protection Whole School Professional Learning Day (01/12/2025)</li> <li>• BOM members to avail of relevant training</li> <li>• BOM records all staff and board training.</li> <li>• Principal will provide Child Safeguarding Statement &amp; Risk Assessment to new members of staff.</li> <li>• Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed and updated every year.</li> <li>• The school has in place a policy in relation to assisting members of school personnel in respect of disclosures of retrospective abuse</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>One to one teaching</b>	Risk of child being harmed in school by a member of school personnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents are given the opportunity to decline permission for their child to receive one to one help on a regular basis.</li> <li>• Glass panels are installed in the doors of all classrooms &amp; SET rooms in the school.</li> <li>• Glass panels will not be obscured in any way.</li> <li>• In the case of a single child being in the halla for lunchtime detention, teacher/principal on duty will supervise in the hall.</li> </ul>
<b>Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils</b>	Risk of child being harmed in school by another child Risk of child being harmed in school by another adult Risk of harm not being recognised by school staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The school has a suitable yard/playground supervision rota (commencing at 8.40am for assembly and finishing at 2.45pm for dismissal) to ensure appropriate supervision of children during assembly and dismissal. Pupils from Juniors to 6th walk to the playground where they are supervised until 8:55 and then collected by class teachers. Pupils from all classes are escorted from their classrooms to the front of the school building at 1:45 or 2:45 p.m.</li> <li>• On wet mornings, pupils are allowed to access the school building via the front door. They then walk to their classrooms which are supervised by staff.</li> <li>• Parents of pupils in all classes must ensure they have satisfactory arrangements in place for the collection of pupils once they leave the school grounds at the end of the school day.</li> <li>• Latecomers must be signed in as late by class teacher on Aladdin. Parents are not permitted to accompany latecomers to class, but must drop them off at the front door.</li> </ul>

<p>• The school accepts no responsibility for children who are dropped off before 8:40 a.m. and the side pedestrian gate will remain closed.</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children are escorted by their teachers/staff members to the front of the school where they are collected by their parents or appointed adult.</li> <li>• If an unknown/unlisted adult comes to collect a child (e.g. a family friend, an aunt/uncle, a cousin, etc.) and the school has not been informed beforehand by a parent, the person collecting the child will be required to contact the office and follow the collection process.</li> <li>• In the event of the school being unable to contact the parent or nominated emergency contact, the child will not be permitted to leave the school in the company of the adult.</li> <li>• If an adult appears to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol when they come to collect a child from school, they are not released by the class teacher. This would then be reported to the DLP or DDLP immediately.</li> </ul>	<p>Risk of child being harmed in the school by another adult. Risk of harm not being recognised by school staff</p>	<p><b>Collection of Junior/Senior Infants at 1:45</b></p>
<p><b>During pupil contact time:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class teachers will supervise pupils' use of toilet facilities.</li> <li>• Only one pupil at a time is permitted in the class toilets.</li> </ul> <p><b>During recreation breaks:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pupils must get permission to leave the yard to use the toilet. A member of staff will escort the child to the classroom/toilet.</li> <li>• Only one pupil at a time permitted to use toilet.</li> <li>• On wet days, pupils being supervised must get permission from teacher on duty to use toilets in their classrooms.</li> <li>• Only one pupil at a time permitted to use toilet.</li> </ul>	<p>Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child</p>	<p><b>Toilet areas</b></p>

<p><b>Late drop off, late pick up, early collection, attendance.</b></p>	<p>Risk of child being harmed by another adult</p>	<p>In line with our <b>School Attendance Policy</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adults are not permitted to accompany latecomers to class.</li> <li>• Latecomers will be recorded on Aladdin by class teacher.</li> <li>• Early Leavers must be signed out by a member of staff.</li> <li>• The appointed adult must wait at reception, while the child is called from classroom/playground.</li> <li>• Significant concerns in relation to timekeeping are reported to the Education Welfare Officer.</li> <li>• Children's attendance at school will be monitored with an explanation required for any missed days.</li> <li>• Parents can record reasons for absence on Aladdin. If a class teacher hasn't received notification from parent of early leaver, secretary / principal must inform class teacher of same. Significant attendance concerns are reported to the Education Welfare Officer by means of individual referral.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Recreation breaks for pupils</b></p>	<p>Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child.                  Risk of child being harmed in the school by another adult.                  Risk of harm not being recognized by school staff                  Risk of harm due to bullying of child                  Risk of harm due to racism                  Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children in school</p>	<p>In line with our <b>School Health &amp; Safety Policy</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The school has a suitable yard/playground supervision roster for both teaching staff, SNAs and students on work experience to ensure appropriate supervision of children during recreation breaks.</li> <li>• Classes have designated areas for playing in the yard and yard times are staggered.</li> <li>• Appointed adults wishing to collect a pupil during recreation time must report to reception and are not permitted to enter the school yard.(Locked gates on either side of school)</li> <li>• On wet days, pupils will remain in their classrooms and will be supervised by a member of staff.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Classroom teaching</b></p>	<p>Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel                  Risk of harm due to bullying of child</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All school staff will be supplied with a hard copy of the school Child Safeguarding Statement &amp; Risk Assessment.</li> <li>• Glass viewing panels are installed in all doors.</li> <li>• Glass viewing panels will not be obstructed in any way.</li> </ul>

	Risk of harm due to inadequate Code of Behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The school implements in full the Stay Safe Programme.</li> <li>The school implements in full the SPHE Curriculum.</li> <li>Each classroom is supplied with a telephone for internal communication and emergencies.</li> </ul>
<b>Swimming</b>	Risk of harm while a child is receiving intimate care Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel, a member of staff of another organisation or other person while child participating in swimming lessons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Policy on swimming</b> includes information on toilets/changing rooms &amp; showers</li> </ul>
<b>Annual Sports Day &amp; Sporting Activities</b>	Risk of child being harmed in the school by volunteer or visitor to school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All teachers will exercise their duty of care to pupils during sporting activities &amp; sports days whether undertaken on site or off site.</li> </ul>
<b>Lack of, or insufficient lunch</b>	Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by school personnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teachers/Staff will monitor children's lunches and ensure that all children are provided with a sufficient quantity of healthy food each day.</li> <li>If a lunch is not provided, the DLP or DDLP will be informed and the child is adequately fed throughout the day.</li> <li>If a child is regularly provided with insufficient lunch the class teacher discusses it with the parents in the first instance.</li> <li>If the situation does not improve the class teacher will take appropriate action to ensure resolution.</li> </ul>
<b>Parental Involvement in school activities.</b>	Risk of child being harmed in the school by another adult.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where parents visit the school to take part or assist in school activities on a one off or regular basis the responsibility for supervision and care of pupils rests with the relevant teacher.</li> <li>Where parents visit the school to take part or assist in school activities on a regular basis they will be required to undergo vetting through St Senan's Diocesan Office.</li> </ul>
<b>Fundraising events involving pupils</b>	Risk of child being harmed in the school by another adult Risk of child being harmed in the school by other children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where fundraising during school time involves pupils' participation, principal/teachers/SNAs will ensure effective supervision at all times.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Use of off-site facilities for school activities</b></p>	<p>Risk of child being harmed by other adults at the venue Risk of child being harmed by other pupils</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All teachers/staff will exercise their Duty of Care to pupils during school activities whether undertaken on site or off site.</li> <li>Prior to the use of off-site facilities teachers will satisfy themselves as to the suitability of the venue.</li> </ul>
<p><b>School transport (School tours, matches) Arrangements for school activities</b></p>	<p>Risk of child being harmed in the school by another adult.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The school has in place clear procedures in respect of school outings.</li> <li>Pupils will not be permitted to board or remain on a bus without staff supervision.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Management of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint where required.</b></p>	<p>Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Should these cases present, they will, with parent / guardian permission, be discussed with the relevant Special Needs Education Officer (SENO) or NEPS psychologist.</li> <li>This may lead to a more detailed behavioural management programme being implemented at home and or in class or to a referral for further specialist assessment.</li> <li>SNAs and support teachers will follow educational plans for these particular students.</li> <li>The school may engage the services of the Special Education Support Services (SESS) to support teaching and non teaching staff when required.</li> <li>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</li> </ul>
<p><b>Administration of Medicine</b></p>	<p>Risk of child being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The school has in place a <b>policy and procedures for the administration of medication</b> to pupils.</li> <li>Members of staff may supervise the self-administering of medication by pupils only in cases where an Administration of Medicines form has been completed and signed by the parents and agreed by the Principal/Chairperson of the Board of Management.</li> <li>The school has in place a policy and procedures for the administration of <b>First Aid</b>.</li> </ul>
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	Risk of child being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All staff will exercise their duty of care to pupils for the duration of the school day.</li> <li>Minor accidents/injuries will be treated by the relevant staff member.</li> <li>Records of accidents are kept in the Accident Record Book (Leabhar na dTimpistí)</li> <li>In the case of head injury or other serious injury, contact is made with parents as soon as possible.</li> <li>The school Bf Cineálta <b>Anti Bullying Policy</b> is available to all staff in the staff shared folders and on school website.</li> <li>The school has a code of behaviour and an anti-bullying policy in place in accordance with the department's "Bf Cineálta" procedures to prevent and address bullying in schools and as outlined in Circular 55/2024.</li> <li>Anti-bullying policy is available on our school website to inform parents.</li> <li>Promotion of a culture of openness and respect in which students can approach staff to discuss concerns and worries.</li> <li>Designated Anti-bullying week for all classes.</li> <li>Adequate supervision is provided to ensure Code of Behaviour is being followed.</li> </ul>
<b>Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils</b>	Risk of harm due to bullying of child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pupils will not be permitted to make their way to the church unaccompanied.</li> <li>Teachers will ensure there is effective supervision at all times both en route to and in the church.</li> <li>Where ceremonies are conducted outside of school time, it is parents' responsibility to ensure that there are suitable arrangements in place for getting pupils to and from the event location.</li> <li>Where ceremonies take place as part of a scheduled mass outside of school time, it is parents' responsibility to ensure that their child/children are adequately supervised and that suitable arrangements are in place for getting pupils to and from the ceremony.</li> </ul>
<b>Participation by pupils in religious ceremonies/religious instruction external to the school.</b>	Risk of child being harmed by other pupils Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visitors and external coaches must check in at reception at the front entrance before accessing the main school building.</li> </ul>
<b>External personnel to supplement curriculum/school visitors/coaches</b>	Risk of child being harmed in the school by another adult. Risk of harm not being recognized by school staff	

<p>Care of pupils with specific vulnerabilities/ needs such as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pupils from ethnic minorities/migrants</li> <li>• Members of the Traveller community</li> <li>• Lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBTQ2+) children</li> <li>• Pupils perceived to be LGBT</li> <li>• Pupils of minority religious faiths</li> <li>• Children in care</li> <li>• Children on Tusla’s Child Protection Notification System (CPNS)</li> <li>• Children with medical needs</li> </ul>	<p>Risk of harm due to bullying of child Risk of harm due to racism</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular visitors to the school, e.g. external teachers, guest speakers are vetted and a copy of their vetting (either hard copy or digital) will be provided to the school.</li> <li>• Persons administering external programmes (e.g. GAA coaches etc) through another body will provide the school with confirmation of vetting from their relevant organisation and a copy of any appropriate insurance.</li> <li>• Children are monitored by staff members during all school events in which visitors are invited to or are present in the school.</li> <li>• A copy of the Child Safeguarding statement is given to all external personnel.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The school has a <b>Special Educational Needs</b> policy</li> <li>• Gaelscoil Ó Doghair will be welcoming and caring towards the needs of pupils with specific vulnerabilities.</li> <li>• The school has an intimate care policy/plan in respect of students who require such care.</li> <li>• In as far as is possible the pupil and parents will be invited to become involved in the identification of his/her personal requirements, wishes, etc.</li> <li>• A written copy of any parental agreement that exists on matters will be kept on the pupil’s enrolment file.</li> <li>• Parents will be notified of any changes from agreed procedures.</li> <li>• At all times the dignity and privacy of the pupil will be paramount.</li> <li>• Practices and procedures in this regard are detailed in various school policies such as: <b>Code of Behaviour</b> <b>Anti Bullying Policy</b> <b>Anti Cyber Bullying Policy</b> <b>S.P.H.E Policy</b> <b>Mobile Phones Policy</b> <b>Acceptable Usage Policy</b></li> <li>• The school undertakes antiracism awareness initiatives</li> </ul>		

<p><b>Recruitment of school personnel including -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teachers</li> <li>• SNA's</li> <li>• Caretaker/Secretary/Cleaners</li> <li>• Sports coaches</li> <li>• External Tutors/Guest Speakers</li> <li>• Volunteers/Parents in school activities</li> <li>• Visitors/contractors present in school during school hours</li> <li>• Visitors/contractors present during after school activities</li> </ul>	<p>Risk of harm not being recognised or properly and promptly reported</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DE circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda Vetting.</li> <li>• The school has a code of conduct for school personnel (teaching and non-teaching staff)</li> <li>• The school complies with the agreed disciplinary procedures for teaching staff.</li> <li>• Parents, volunteers, coaches who attend the school on a regular basis to assist in school related activities will be vetted by the BOM through St Senan's Education Office.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Use of school premises by outside organisation/individual.</b></p>	<p>Risk of child being harmed by another adult, visitor or volunteer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to the school will not be granted to any outside group for use during the school day, from 9.00am to 2.45pm.</li> <li>• In the event of individuals/groups using the school premises outside of school hours where there will be unrestricted access to children, it is essential that those who have said access provide evidence of up to date vetting to the BOM.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Children not collected from after school activities</b></p>	<p>Risk of child being harmed by other pupils Risk of child being harmed by other adults</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the case of school related activities, all parents are made aware of the finishing time of activities and that pupils must be collected on time.</li> <li>• If a pupil is not collected on time the secretary/ teacher(s) in charge must make contact with the parents.</li> <li>• Individuals/groups using the facilities of Gaelscoil Ó Doghair are required to put procedures in place to ensure that all children in their care are properly supervised at all times. This includes the supervision and care of pupils waiting beforehand and waiting to be collected afterwards.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responsibility lies solely with the individual/group using the premises for communicating with parents about starting/finishing times, cancellations or rescheduling. A contact number should be provided to parents.</li> <li>• The school has an Acceptable Usage Policy in place, to include provision for online teaching and learning remotely, and has communicated this policy to parents.</li> <li>• Access to the internet is filtered by the PDST Technology in Education. All Filtering Levels are designed to block content of an illegal or pornographic content. Our school has a level 4 filtering setting which allows access to YouTube but blocks websites that are categorised as personal such as blogs and Social Networking sites.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Use of Information &amp; Communication Technology by pupils, including social media.</b></p>	<p>Risk of harm due to children inappropriately accessing/using computers, social media, phones and other devices while at school.</p> <p>Risk of harm due to inappropriate use of online remote teaching and learning communication platform such as an uninvited person accessing the lesson link, students left unsupervised for long periods of time in breakout rooms</p> <p>Risk of harm caused by member of school personnel communicating with pupils in an inappropriate manner via social media, texting, digital device or other manner</p> <p>Risk of harm caused by member of school personnel accessing/circulating inappropriate material via social media, texting, digital device or other manner</p>	<p>In line with our school's <b>Acceptable Usage Policy</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internet sessions will always be supervised by a teacher. If there is no teacher in the room, access to the internet is prohibited.</li> <li>• Pupils are not permitted to bring/use personal devices in school.</li> <li>• In line with our school's Mobile Phone Policy, pupils are not allowed to bring phones to school and, if found, sanctions from our Code of Behaviour will be used.</li> <li>• The school has in place a policy governing the use of smartphones and tablet devices in the school by pupils as per Circular 38/2018 and the national guidelines</li> </ul>
<p><b>Application of sanctions under the school's Code of Behaviour including detention of pupils, confiscation of phones etc.</b></p>	<p>Risk of harm due to inadequate Code of Behaviour</p> <p>Risk of harm by a member of school personnel</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detention of pupils during recreation break(s) may be used as a sanction for negative behaviour. During detention periods, pupils will be supervised by a member of staff.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Students participating in work experience in the school</b></p>	<p>Risk of child being harmed in the school by another adult.</p>	<p>In line with our school</p> <p><b>Policy on Students on Work Experience:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The school requires confirmation from the school, college, in writing, that Gaelscoil Ó Doghair's vetting obligations (as per DES circular 31/2016) will be complied with in advance of commencing work placement.</li> <li>• Students must be able to provide current NVB vetting documentation which should be processed in advance of the placement start date through the student's post primary school or the relevant colleges.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Student teachers undertaking training placement in school</b></p>	<p>Risk of child being harmed in the school by another adult.</p>	<p>In line with our school</p> <p><b>Policy on Students on Teaching Placement:</b></p> <p>Prior to accepting a student on teaching placement it is the responsibility of said student to provide the school with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written verification that the placement is supported by and indemnified by the college in which the student is attending.</li> <li>• Confirmation that Gaelscoil Ó Doghair's vetting obligations (as per DES circular 31/2016) will be complied with in advance of commencing teaching placement.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Use video/photography/other media to record school events</b></p>	<p>Risk of harm caused by member of school personnel accessing/circulating inappropriate material via social media, texting, digital device or other manner</p> <p>Risk of child being harmed by volunteer or visitor to the school</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School advises parents that any photographs or videos of school events or school related events taken by parents or other individuals are for private, personal use only.</li> <li>• Photographs or videos of school events or school related events taken by parents or other individuals must not be uploaded to any website to be viewed by others (e.g. Facebook).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Data Protection</b></p>	<p>Risk of harm caused by member of school personnel accessing/circulating inappropriate material via social media, texting, digital device or other manner</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confidential documents relating to children in the school are stored securely in the school.</li> <li>• Hard copies are stored in locked filing cabinets in a separate storage room/Room A &amp; sports room &amp; seomra buí.</li> <li>• Soft copies are stored in a secure online database. A password is required to access the documents.</li> <li>• Documents are shared with staff on a need-to-know basis.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Storage or publication of photos of children</b></p>	<p>Risk of harm caused by member of school personnel accessing/circulating inappropriate material via social media, texting, digital device or other manner</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parental consent to take photos of children is obtained by the school at the beginning of every school year using Aladdin permissions.</li> <li>• Class teachers are made aware of any children in his or her class who do not have permission to be in school photos.</li> <li>• Photos taken by staff are removed from personal devices and stored securely on the school online storage space.</li> <li>• Children's names are not published with photos uploaded to the school website, facebook page or class blogs.</li> <li>• Children are not permitted to use electronic devices (e.g. ipads, cameras, personal smart watches/devices) unless under the supervision of an adult and for educational purposes.</li> <li>• Children are not permitted to use personal smart devices during the school day or at school events.</li> <li>• Children are not permitted to bring their mobile phones to school under any circumstances.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Toileting accidents</b></p>	<p>Risk of harm to child while a child is receiving intimate care</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please refer to Gaelscoil O Doghair's <b>Intimate Care &amp; Toileting Policy</b>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Care of children with special educational needs, including intimate care where needed.</b></p>	<p>Risk of harm to child while a child is receiving intimate care Risk of harm to children with special educational needs who have particular vulnerabilities, including medical vulnerabilities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The school has an intimate care policy/plan in respect of students who require such care</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
<p><b>Management of provision of food and drink</b></p>	<p>Risk of harm to children by supplier personnel/catering personnel</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vetting of all school personnel who have contact with the pupils</li> <li>• Protocol in place for delivery and collection of hot school meals</li> </ul>
<p><b>Online Teaching &amp; Learning Remotely</b></p>	<p>Risk of harm due to inappropriate use of online remote teaching and learning communication platform such as an uninvited person accessing the lesson link, students being left unsupervised for long</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>

	<p>periods of time in breakout rooms</p> <p>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</p>	
<p><b>Critical Incident at school</b></p>	<p>Risk of harm to pupils</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The school has in place a <b>Critical Incident Management Plan</b></li> </ul>

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.