



St. Patrick's N.S **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 2017*, the following is the Written Risk Assessment of St. Patrick's N.S. Bruree, Co. Limerick

1. List of school activities

1. Training of school personnel in Child Protection Matters
2. One to One teaching
3. Care of Children with special needs, including intimate care needs
4. Toilet areas
5. Curricular Provision in respect of SPHE, RSE and Stay Safe.
6. Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils
7. Managing of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint.
8. Students participating in work experience activities.
9. Sports Coaches/ Sports Activities
10. Recreation breaks for pupils
11. Classroom teaching
12. Outdoor teaching activities
13. School Outing/ Tours
14. School transport arrangements.
15. Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils
16. Care of pupils with specific vulnerabilities/needs such as;
 - Pupils from ethnic minorities/migrants
 - Members of the Traveller community
 - LGBT children
 - Pupils perceived to be LGBT.
 - Pupils of minority faiths
 - Children in care
 - Children on CPNS
17. Recruitment of school personnel including;
 - Teachers
 - SNAs
 - Caretaker/Secretary/Cleaner
 - Sports coaches
 - External Tutors/Guest Speakers
 - Volunteers/Parents in school activities
 - Visitors/Contractors present in school during school hours
 - Visitors/Contractors in school after school hours.
18. Administration of first aid
19. Use of ICT in school
20. After school use of school premises by other organisations.

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

The following risks correspond to the school activities listed in the above box.

1. Harm not recognised or reported properly
2. Harm by school personnel
3. Harm by school personnel
4. Inappropriate behaviour
5. Non-teaching of same
6. Harm from older pupils, unknown adults on the playground
7. Injury to pupils and staff
8. Harm to pupils
9. Harm by unknown adults/outside coaches/transition year pupils
10. Harm to pupils
11. Injury to pupils/ staff
12. Injury to pupils/staff. Harm to pupils
13. Injury to pupils/staff. Harm to pupils. Unknown adults.
14. Risk of harm due to bullying. Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children in school.
15. Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by school personnel. Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children in school.
16. Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by school personnel. Risk of child being harmed in the school by school personnel. Risk of harm due to bullying of child. Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children in school.
17. Harm not recognised properly or promptly reported.
18. Harm by school personnel
19. Bullying. Exposure to unsuitable content. Risk of harm due to children inappropriately accessing/using computers, social media, phones and other devices while at school.
20. Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children.

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

The following procedures correspond with the activities and risks listed in the above two boxes.

1. Child Safeguarding Statement and DES procedures are made available to all staff. DLP & DDLP to attend PDST face to face training. All Staff to view TUSLA training module & any other online training by PDST. BOM records all records of staff and board training.
2. SEN policy to safeguard pupils and teachers in respect of one to one teaching. Table Between teacher and pupil. Glass in window in all SEN rooms.
3. Policy on Intimate Care to be reviewed. Intimate Care permission form. Provide training When necessary. Supervision Policy.
4. Supervision policy. Agreed procedures in place for use of toilets. Regular reminders for children regarding correct use of toilet facilities
5. School implements SPHE, RSE and Stay Safe programme in full.
6. Supervision Policy. Arrival and Dismissal supervised by Teachers. Agreed procedures in Place for morning supervision.
7. Health and Safety Policy. Code of Behaviour.
8. The school has a policy and procedures in place for the use of external sports coaches. Procedures in place regarding Garda vetting before outside coaches are used. Supervision Policy. Teacher present at all times.
9. Work Experience Policy. Child Safeguarding Statement.
10. Children Protection Procedures. Code of Behaviour. Health and Safety Statement. 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, changing rooms etc.

11. Code of Behaviour. Health and Safety Statement. Code of Conduct for school personnel.
12. Child Safeguarding Statement. Health and Safety Statement. Code of Behaviour. Code of Conduct for school personnel.
13. Policy and procedures in respect of school outings. Child Safeguarding Statement. Supervision statement. Agreed procedures in place before going on a school outing or tour. First Aid Policy.
14. School Outing Policy and Procedures.
15. Anti-Bullying Policy, Supervision Policy. Yard/Playground Supervision Policy.
16. Anti-Bullying Policy. Yard/Supervision Policy. Code of Behaviour.
17. Child Safeguarding Statement and DES procedures made available to all staff. Staff training module and other online training offered by PDST and TUSLA. Vetting Procedures. Policy on Parents/Volunteers. Policy on Visiting Contractors.
18. First Aid Policy. Policy and Procedures for the Administration of medication to pupils.
19. ICT policy. Anti-Bullying Policy. Code of Behaviour. AUP. Internet Filter. Mobile Phone Policy.
20. Policy on use of school premises by other organisations.

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 30-09-19

Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed  Date 30-09-19

Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management

