

St. John’s National School

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**Written Assessment of Risk of St.John’s NS Shannon**

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 Scoil Ide.

**List of school activities**

Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils

Recreation breaks for pupils

Classroom teaching

One-to-one teaching

Small group teaching

One-to-one counselling

Outdoor teaching activities

After school and lunch time activities

Sporting activities

School outings/tours

Use of toilet/changing/shower areas in schools

Toileting accidents

Use of off-site facilities for school activities

Care of children with special educational needs, including intimate care where needed,

Management of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint where required

Administration of Medicine

Administration of First Aid

Curricular provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe, Well Being

Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils

Training of school personnel in child protection matters

Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum

Use of external personnel to support sports and other extra-curricular activities

Care of pupils with specific vulnerabilities/ needs such as

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

Recruitment of school personnel including -

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

Participation by pupils in religious ceremonies

Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school

Application of sanctions under the school’s Code of Behaviour including detention of pupils, confiscation of phones etc.

Students participating in work experience in the school

Student teachers/snas undertaking training placement in school

Use of video/photography/other media to record school events

Display of photographs in school/church/media/social media

**The school has identified the following risk of harm in respect of its activities –**

Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel

Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by 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 child being harmed in the school by volunteer or visitor to the school

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 out of school activities e.g. school trip, swimming lessons

Risk of harm due to bullying of child

Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children in school

Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children while attending out of school activities

Risk of harm due to inappropriate relationship/communications between 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 to children with SEN who have particular vulnerabilities

Risk of harm to child while a child is receiving intimate care

Risk of harm due to inadequate code of behaviour

Risk of harm in one-to-one teaching, counselling, coaching situation

Risk of harm caused by member of school personnel communicating with pupils in appropriate manner via social media, texting, digital device or other manner

Risk of harm caused by member of school personnel accessing/circulating inappropriate material via social media, texting, digital device or other manner

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

All school personnel are provided with a copy of the school’s Child Safeguarding Statement

The Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017 are made available to all school personnel

School Personnel are required to adhere to the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017 and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the Children First Act 2015

The school implements in full the Stay Safe Programme

The school implements in full the SPHE curriculum

The school has an Anti-Bullying Policy which fully adheres to the requirements of the Department’s Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools

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.

The school has clear procedures in respect of school outings

The school has implemented a sign-out system for the early dismissal of pupils

The school has a Health and Safety Policy

The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting

The school has a codes of conduct for school personnel (teaching and non-teaching staff)

The school complies with the agreed disciplinary procedures for teaching staff

The school has a Special Educational Needs Policy

The school has Intimate Care procedures in respect of students who require such care

The school has in place a policy and procedures for the administration of medication to pupils

The school –

Has provided each member of school staff with a copy of the school’s Child Safeguarding Statement

Ensures all new staff are provided with a copy of the school’s Child Safeguarding Statement

Encourages staff to avail of relevant training

Encourages board of management members to avail of relevant training

Maintains records of all staff and board member training

The school has in place a policy and procedures for the administration of First Aid

The school has in place a Code of Behaviour for pupils

The school has in place an ICT and Social Media Expected Use Policy

The school has procedures in place in respect of usage of mobile phones by pupils

The school has in place a Critical Incident Management Plan

The school has in place Home School Liaison procedures

The school has procedures in place for the use of external persons to supplement delivery of the curriculum

The school has procedures in place for the use of external sports coaches

The school has clear procedures in place for one-to-one teaching activities

The school has procedures in place for one-to-one counselling

The school has procedures in place in respect of student teacher placements

The school has procedures in place in respect of students undertaking work experience in the school

The school has procedures in place in respect of pupils of the school undertaking work experience in external 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 05/03/20. It shall be reviewed as part of the school’s anchonual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

Signed John Donovan Date 05/03/2020

Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed Kevin Toomey Date 05/03/2020

Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management

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