**Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment**

**Clonaghadoo NS**

**2023-2024**

In accordance with section 11 of the Children First Act 2015 and with the requirements of Chapter 8 of the *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools (revised 2023)*, the following is the Written Risk Assessment of [name of school].

1. **List of school activities**

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| * Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils
* Recreation breaks for pupils
* Access to the school
* Classroom teaching
* One-to-one teaching
* Online teaching and learning remotely
* Outdoor teaching activities
* Sporting activities
* School outings
* Use of toilet/changing areas in schools
* Annual Fun Day
* Fundraising events involving pupils
* Use of off-site facilities for school activities
* School transport arrangements including use of bus escorts
* 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
* 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 of minority religious faiths
* Children displaced from their homes due to war
* Members of the Traveller community
* Lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT) children
* Pupils perceived to be LGBT
* Children in care
* Children with medical needs
* Recruitment of school personnel including:
* Teachers/ SNAs
* 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 in school after school activities
* Participation by pupils in religious ceremonies/ religious instruction external to the

school* Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school, including Social

Media* Students participating in work experience in the school
* Student teachers undertaking training placement in school
* Use of video/photography/other media to record school events
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1. **The school has identified the following risk of harm in respect of its activities -**

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| * Risk of spreading Covid-19 and/or other infectious diseases within the school community
* 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 the child is participating in or out of school activities e.g. school trip, swimming lessons* 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 periods of time in breakout rooms.* Risk of harm due to bullying a child
* Risk of harm due to racism
* 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, including

medical vulnerabilities* Risk of harm to a 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, coaching situation
* Risk of fire outbreak
* 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 member of school personnel accessing/circulating inappropriate material via social media, texting, digital device

or other manner |

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

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| All school personnel are provided with * a copy of the school’s Child Safeguarding Statement.
* The school encourages staff to avail of relevant training.
* The school encourages board of management members to avail of relevant training.
* The school maintains records of all staff and board member training.
* 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 names of the DLP and the DDLP are posted clearly on the parent’s noticeboard.
* The school implements in full the Stay Safe Programme.
* The school implements in full the SPHE curriculum
* The school undertakes anti-racism awareness initiatives
* The school has an Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary School.
* 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 suchas toilets etc.* The school has in place a policy and clear procedures in respect of school outings.
* The school has a Health and Safety policy.
* The school has a Fire Drill 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 an intimate care policy/plan 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 in place a policy and procedures for the administration of First Aid.
* The school has in place a code of behaviour for pupils.
* The provision of EAL hours
* The school has in place an ICT policy in respect of usage of ICT by pupils.
* The school has in place a Critical Incident Management Plan.
* The school has in place a policy and procedures for the use of external sports coaches.
* The school has in place a policy and clear procedures for one-to-one teaching activities.
* The school has in place a policy and procedures in respect of student teacher

placements.* The school has in place a policy and procedures in respect of students undertaking

work experience in the school.* The school has in place a policy and procedures for gaining access into the school.
* The School has in place a Covid-19 Risk Assessment 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 (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.

This Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment was adopted by the Board of Management on 11/11/22

This Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment was reviewed by the Board of Management on 25/09/23

Signed: Bernadette Clear 25/09/23 Signed: 25/09/23

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