

## Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment

### Moneystown NS 2022/23

#### Written Assessment of Risk of Moneystown National School

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 Moneystown National School.

List of School Activities	Risk of Harm	Procedures & Policies In Place
Building Areas in school	Children accessing building site Children may be exposed to asbestos Children at risk of harm from personnel on building site Children at risk from work that encroaches into the school (e.g. holes being drilled in walls)	The school has fulfilled their legal duty to appoint a competent Project Supervisor Design Process and Health & Safety Co-ordinator (PDSP) to oversee the building project Including Health and safety. The appointed PDSP has have been notified to the HSA via the AF1 form. The PDSP as part of the first instalment drawdown must inspect the builder's safety file and ensures the school that the appropriate steps have been taken in relation to safety regarding asbestos.

		<p>The PDSP liaises with the principal regularly on building works and steps are taken accordingly to timetable work to plan for work which will cause risk to the children to be completed when children are not present.</p> <p>Health and Safety statement of builder has been provided to the school. Builders Insurance compliance has been provided to the school.</p> <p>Personnel accessing the school in connection with the building works do so either after the children have left the building or they are chaperoned by a member of staff during their time on site.</p>
CPD in Child Protection for all staff members	If a risk of harm is not recognised by staff and children remain at risk of harm	<p>CPD Child Protection for all staff and BOM New members of staff given Child Protection Statement and a copy of <i>Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017</i>, online training with HSE to be completed by Term 2.</p>
Recruitment of Staff (including SNAs, caretakers, secretary, coaches, tutors, guest speakers etc)	Risk of harm by personnel	Garda Vetting Procedures Recruitment procedures
One to one teaching	Risk of harm by school personnel	Child Protection Policy / Code of Behaviour / Anti-Bullying Policy / Health & Safety Policy / Supervision Policy

Care of pupils with special needs and specific vulnerabilities (e.g. gender, race, religious or ethnic minorities).	Risk of harm by school personnel, other pupils	Child Protection Policy / Code of Behaviour / Anti-Bullying Policy / Health & Safety Policy / Supervision Policy / SEN Policy / Intimate care policy
Toilet areas	Risk of inappropriate behaviour	Child Protection Policy / Code of Behaviour / Anti-Bullying Policy / Health & Safety Policy / Supervision Policy / Intimate care policy / SNA policy
Class Splits and Arrangements due to Substitute Shortages	Reduced Supervision of Children due to lack of substitute teachers being available	Critical Incidence Policy, Appendix 2/
Curricular provisions in respect of SPHE, RSE & Stay Safe.	Non-teaching of same	Curricular policies taught / CM noted / Making the Links / Yearly Plan for SPHE / RSE & Stay Safe Policies
Managing challenging behaviours among pupils, including inappropriate use of restraint	Injury to pupils or staff	Child Protection Policy / Code of Behaviour / Anti-Bullying Policy / Health & Safety Policy / Supervision Policy / SEN Policy / CPD for staff on challenging behaviour / SNA policy
Distance Learning and Online teaching	Risk of harm from home difficult to note as observation of pupils limited to online interactions	Child Protection Policy / Code of Behaviour / Anti-Bullying Policy / Health & Safety Policy / Supervision Policy / SEN Policy / CPD for staff on challenging behaviour / SNA policy / Staff meetings during school closure noting extra vigilance for child protection concerns.
<b>List of School Activities (many school activities postponed for 2020/21 due to COVID19 Restrictions).</b>	<b>Risk of Harm</b>	<b>Procedures &amp; Policies In Place</b>
Classroom teaching	Risk of harm from school personnel and other pupils	Child Protection Policy / Code of Behaviour / Anti-Bullying Policy / Health & Safety Policy / Supervision Policy
Outdoor teaching activities	Risk of harm from school personnel and other pupils	Child Protection Policy / Code of Behaviour / Anti-Bullying Policy / Health & Safety Policy / Supervision Policy
Sporting activities & changing for sporting activities	Risk of harm from school personnel and other pupils as well as other adults	Child Protection Policy / Code of Behaviour / Anti-Bullying Policy / Health & Safety Policy / Supervision Policy / Intimate care policy / SNA policy

Choir	Risk of harm from school personnel and other pupils as well as other adults	Child Protection Policy / Code of Behaviour / Anti-Bullying Policy / Health & Safety Policy / Supervision Policy
After school classes	Risk of harm to pupil from school personnel, other pupils, external tutors	Garda Vetting Procedures Child Protection Policy / After Schools Activities Policy
External tutors	Risk of harm from external tutors	Child Protection Policy / Code of Behaviour Anti-Bullying Policy / Health & Safety Policy / Supervision Policy / After Schools Activities Policy
Students and student teachers on work experience	Risk of harm to pupil from students and student teachers	Garda Vetting Procedures / Supervision Policy / Student & Student teachers the responsibility of their own educational establishments
School tours and field trips	Risk of harm from school personnel and other pupils as well as other adults	Child Protection Policy / Code of Behaviour / Anti-Bullying Policy Health & Safety Policy / Supervision Policy / Garda Vetting Procedures for Volunteers & Parents / Intimate care policy and SNA policy
Annual sports days	Risk of harm from school personnel and other pupils as well as other adults, external tutors	Child Protection Policy / Code of Behaviour / Anti-Bullying Policy / Health & Safety Policy / Supervision Policy
Christmas concerts	Risk of harm from school personnel and other pupils as well as other adults, external tutors	Child Protection Policy / Code of Behaviour / Anti-Bullying Policy / Health & Safety Policy / Supervision Policy
Open Days including Grandparent Days, AISTEAR Open Morning,	Risk of harm from school personnel and other pupils as well as other adults.	Child Protection Policy / Code of Behaviour / Anti-Bullying Policy / Health & Safety Policy / Supervision Policy
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Use of off-site facilities for school activities	Risk of harm from school personnel and other pupils as well as other adults, external tutors	Child Protection Policy / Code of Behaviour / Anti-Bullying Policy / Health & Safety Policy / Supervision Policy

School transport arrangements including use of bus escorts	Risk of harm from school personnel and other pupils as well as other adults	Child Protection Policy / Code of Behaviour / Anti-Bullying Policy / Health & Safety Policy / Supervision Policy
Volunteers and parents involved in school activities	Risk of harm from other adults	Garda Vetting Procedures for Volunteers & Parents / Intimate Care Policy / Child Protection Policy / Code of Behaviour / Anti-Bullying Policy / Health & Safety Policy / Supervision Policy
Administration of first aid	Risk of harm from school personnel	Administration of Medicines Policy / Intimate Care Policy
Administration of medicines	Risk of harm from school personnel	Administration of Medicines Policy / Intimate Care Policy
Use of IT by pupils and staff including uploading onto social media and school website as well as engaging in online learning and Microsoft Teams Meetings etc.	Risk of harm from school personnel and other pupils as well as other adults	AUP Policy / Child Protection Policy / Code of Behaviour / Anti-Bullying Policy / Health & Safety Policy / Supervision Policy
Application of sanctions under the school's Code of Behaviour including the detention of pupils and supervision during detention	Risk of harm from school personnel	Child Protection Policy / Code of Behaviour / Anti-Bullying Policy / Health & Safety Policy / Supervision Policy

**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*

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.

Child Protection concerns during COVID19 were closely monitored by all staff and DLP / DDLP during school closure and a reminder for extra vigilance noted at all staff meetings.

In undertaking this risk assessment, the Board of Management has endeavoured to identify as far as

This risk assessment has been completed by the Board of Management in November 2021 and updated on 8<sup>th</sup> of December 2022. It shall be reviewed again in October 2022 as part of the school's annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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