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Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment

Written Assessment of Risk of St David's National School

In accordance with Section 11 of the Children First Act 2015 and with the requirements of Chapter 9 of the *Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025*, the following is the written Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment.

In undertaking this Child Safeguarding Statement and 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.

List of school activities	**Risks identified against each school activity**	**Procedures / Measures in place to mitigate risk**
1. Training of school personnel in Child Protection matters	Harm not recognised or reported promptly after training has been received. Inadequate or training missed by staff.	Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff The Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025 are made available to all school personnel

		DLP & DDLP attended Oide face to face training in New Procedures 2025 All staff attended Oide training in new procedures 2025 All Staff to view Túsla training module & any other online training offered by Oide BOM keeps all records of staff and board training and ensures any training missed will be facilitated.
2. One to one teaching	Harm by school personnel False accusations	School has policy in place for one to one teaching Open doors There should be a table between teacher and pupil One to one teaching is carried out in situations where there is a glass panel in the door if possible Work being carried out by the Special Needs Assistants will be carried out on the direction of the class teacher Code of Conduct for teachers (Teaching Council)
3. Care of Children with special needs, including intimate care needs	Harm by school personnel Flight Risk children	Policy on intimate care Exit doors kept closed or monitored during the school day (signage)
4. Toilet areas	Inappropriate behaviour	Usage and supervision policy
5. Curricular Provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay safe.	Inadequate or Non-teaching of same	School implements SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe in full. AP postholder and claass teachers responsible for implementation.
6. Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils	Harm from older pupils, unknown adults on the playground	Arrival and dismissal supervised by Teachers Proper practice and procedures. EG specific lining up areas.
7. Managing of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use	Injury to pupils and staff	Health and Safety Policy

of restraint		Code Of Behaviour Policy (which includes restraint)
8. Sports Coaches	Harm to pupils	Policy & Procedures in place Garda Vetting procedures in place Teacher always present
9. Recreation breaks for pupils	Inappropriate behaviour Harm by other students Flight risk	Code of Behaviour Special Provisions for SEN children Bí Cineálta Policy Supervision Policy
10. Classroom teaching	Harm by school personnel Harm by other pupils	Classroom rules Code of Behaviour
11. Outdoor teaching activities	Harm by school personnel Harm by pupils Stranger on school grounds	Code of Behaviour Bí Cineálta Children under teacher supervision
12. Public entering car park gate	Harm to pupils	Children can only enter through pedestrian gates
13. Children doing a task outside classroom	Risk to pupils	Children always go in pairs
14. Sporting Activities	Unfamiliar surroundings Harm to pupils Inappropriate behaviour Harm by outside coaches Privacy of children not respected	PE Policy Swimming Policy Code of Behaviour Bí Cineálta Policies and procedures in place Proper vetting procedures in place

		Personnel in charge of school teams do not enter the changing rooms until all children are in their games attire. Personnel will remain outside the dressing room door within easy reach should they be required.
15. School outings	Harm to pupils Inappropriate behaviour Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel, a member of staff another organisation or other person while child participating in out of school activities	School tours Policy Code of Behaviour Bí Cineálta
16. School trips involving overnight stay	Currently N/A	Currently N/A
17. Use of toilet/changing/shower areas in schools	Harm by school personnel Harm by other pupils Inappropriate behaviour	Usage and Supervision Policy Intimate Care Policy
18. Use of Cozy Cove, Sensory Room, Regulation equipment and Playground	Harm caused by inappropriate use of these spaces/resources	Equipment is maintained Adequate supervision Code of Behaviour
19. Annual Sports Day	Harm by known and unknown personnel Harm by pupils Inappropriate behaviour	Adequate supervision Code of Behaviour Bí Cineálta Vetting procedures for volunteers PE Policy
20. Fundraising events involving pupils	Harm to pupils due to unknown adults	Proper supervision by staff/Parents' Association

	Inappropriate behaviour	Code of Behaviour
21. Parents collecting children early	Risk to pupils	Checkout system
22. Use of off-site facilities for school activities (includes swimming)	Harm to pupils Risk of harm due to possible inadequate supervision of pupils while attending out of school activities	Proper supervision Code of Behaviour, Bí Cineálta School Tour Policy
23. Emergency situation	Harm to pupils	Critical incident plan
24. School transport arrangements including use of bus escorts	Harm by pupils Harm by adults	Code of Behaviour Vetting procedures
25. School Attendance and Punctuality	Risk to pupils due to late drop-offs, early collection, late collection or poor attendance	Late arrival or early collection is logged on databiz Concerns reported to EWO
26. Transport to matches etc.	Harm/Injury to pupils Inappropriate behaviour	Garda vetting of drivers Parents to arrange lifts for their own children if bus not arranged More than one child in a car
27. Administration of Medicine & Administration of First Aid	Injury to pupils	Administration of Medicines policy and permissions Life saving medicines stored in separate First Aid cabinet. Staff & SNA's only have access Training for staff

28. Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils	Non teaching of Anti Bullying strategies Non implementation of Anti Bullying Policy	Bí Cineálta Anti Bullying workshops and talks for adults and children (including cyber bullying) School implements SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe in full
29. Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum	Harm to pupils by unknown personnel	Proper procedures and supervision Garda vetting procedures followed
30. 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	Exclusion and Discrimination Bullying Harm by school personnel Harm by pupils	Admissions Policy Bí Cineálta Code of Behaviour Policy on intimate care School implements SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe in full Right to withdraw or not participate in religious instruction
31. Recruitment of school personnel including - • Teachers	Harm not recognised or properly or promptly reported	Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff

• SNAs • Caretaker/Secretary/Cleaners • Sports coaches • External Tutors/Guest Speakers	Procedures for appointment not being followed	Staff to view Túsla training module & any other online or face to face training offered by Oide • Vetting Procedures
• Volunteers/Parents -school activities • Visitors/contractors present in school during school hours • Visitors/contractors present during after school activities	Harm to pupils by unknown personnel	• Proper supervision • Vetting procedures
32. Use of school premises by other organisation during school day	Harm to pupils by unknown personnel	• Proper supervision • Vetting procedures
33. Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school	Inappropriate use of the internet and apps Risk of harm due to children inappropriately accessing/using computers, social media, phones and other devices while at school Cyber bullying Risk to teachers	ICT policy Bí Cineálta Code of Behaviour Internet Acceptable Use Policy Mobile phones plan in school Supervision while using devices
34. Application of sanctions under the school's Code of Behaviour including detention of pupils, confiscation of phones etc.	Harm by school personnel Fair procedures not being followed	Code of Discipline Supervision Policy Mobile phones plan Parental Complaints Procedure

35. Student teachers/ TY students undertaking training placement or work experience in school	New adults in the school and harm by same	Proper practices and procedures i.e., class teacher is in attendance at the same time Proper vetting procedures and Indemnity Insurance through colleges Making student aware of Child Safeguarding Statement Work Experience Policy
36. Use of video/photography/other media to record school events	Harm to pupil/teachers Invasion of privacy Parents videoing children and uploading the same	Internet Acceptable Use Policy Reminder at events about not sharing on social media
37. After school use of school premises by other organisations	Harm to pupils if involved	Copies of all relevant documentation always given, i.e., insurances, vetting etc.
38. Summer Programme	Harm to pupils	• Proper vetting & procedures • DLP or DDLP present • Mobile phones plan • Internet Acceptable Use Policy • Adequate supervision
39. After School Homework Club	Harm to pupils	• Proper vetting and procedures • Adequate supervision • Teacher and/or SNA on premises
40. Management of provision of hot lunches	Harm to pupils	• Vetting for Operative • Lunches handed to pupils and placed in plastic boxes • Provision for allergies

41. Risk of harm due to children inappropriately accessing/ using computers, social media and other devices in school	Harm to pupils	Mobile phones plan in school Computers/ iPads only used under supervision Social media blocked by school
42. Care of pupils with special educational needs, including intimate care where needed (including Autism Class)	Harm to pupils	Supervision Policy Intimate Care Policy
43. Emergency situations	Harm to pupils	Critical Incident Plan in place