

Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment

Written Assessment of Risk of Coláiste na Mí

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 Coláiste na Mí.

1. List of school activities

Risk of harm not being identified by school personnel.
Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by school personnel.
Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision while engaged in above activities (both inside and outside of school).
Risk of harm due to inappropriate or inadequate response to injuries sustained or medical emergencies.
Risk of harm through non-compliance with school trips policies and procedures.
Risk of harm due to inappropriate relationship and/or communications between students and school personnel.
Risk of harm due to inappropriate relationship and/or communications between students and visitors/contractors both on and off site.
Risk of harm due to racism.
Risk of harm due to bullying of pupils.
Risk of harm while a child is receiving intimate care.
Risk of harm caused by a member of school personnel inappropriately using information and communications technology to communicate or circulate inappropriate material about a student or students.
Risk of harm due to children inappropriately accessing/using computers, social media, phones and other devices while at school.
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.

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

Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils.
Recreation breaks for pupils.
School Trips (day, night, foreign travel).
School Sporting Events.
Fundraising Events involving Students.
One-to-one and small group support.



After School Study.
Activities involving the use of changing and shower facilities.
Administration of Medicine and/or First Aid
Off-site Student work placement.
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
-Children with medical needs
Care of students with intimate care needs.
The Recruitment of School Personnel.
The presence of visitors in school during school hours.
Visitors present during after School Activities.
Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school, including social media.
Application of sanctions under the school's Code of Behaviour including detention of pupils, confiscation of phones etc.

3. The school has identified 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 and it's Addendum (2019)
The school implements in full the SPHE curriculum
The school implements in full the Wellbeing Programme at Junior Cycle and has a whole school wellbeing strategy throughout the year.



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 undertakes anti-racism awareness initiatives
Supervision of students at break-times and lunchtimes. A roster of staff has been drawn up and is posted in various locations around the school.
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 adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DE circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting
The school has a code of conduct for school personnel (teaching and non-teaching staff)
The school has an Additional Educational Needs policy
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 an Acceptable Use Policy in place, to include provision for online teaching and learning remotely, and has communicated this policy to parents

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.

- In accordance with the Children First Act 2015 and the Addendum to Children First (2019), the Board has carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while attending the school or participating in school activities. A written assessment setting out the areas of risk identified and the school's procedures for managing those risks is included with the Child Safeguarding Statement.
- The various procedures referred to in this Statement can be accessed via the school's website, the gov.ie website or will be made available on request by the school.

Note: The above is not intended as an exhaustive list. Individual Boards of Management shall also include in this section such other procedures/measures that are of relevance to the school in question.

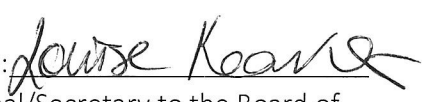
7. This statement has been published on the school's website and has been provided to all members of school personnel, the Parents' Association (if any) and the patron. It is readily accessible to parents and guardians on request. A copy of this Statement will be made available to Tusla and the Department if requested.
8. This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed annually or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which this statement refers.

This Child Safeguarding Statement was adopted by the Board of Management on 26th September 2012.

This Child Safeguarding Statement was reviewed by the Board of Management on 26th September 2023

Signed: 
Chairperson of Board of
Management

Date: 16/09/24

Signed: 
Principal/Secretary to the Board of
Management

Date: 16/9/24