Meelick Primary School

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Mandatory Template 1: Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment Template

Child Safeguarding Statement 2025/26

Meelick Primary School is a primary school providing primary education to pupils from Junior Infants to Sixth Class.

In accordance with the requirements of the Children First Act 2015, Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017, the Addendum to Children First (2019), the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools (revised 2023) and Tusla Guidance on the preparation of Child Safeguarding Statements, the Board of Management of Meelick Primary School has agreed the Child Safeguarding Statement set out in this document.

1 The Board of Management has adopted and will implement fully and without modification the Department's *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and* Post-Primary Schools *(revised 2023)* as part of this overall Child Safeguarding Statement

2 The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is **Denis Kennedy**

3 The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP) is **Denis O'Donnell**

4 The Relevant Person is **Denis Kennedy**
(The relevant person is one who can provide information in respect of how the child safeguarding statement was developed and will be able to provide the statement on request. In a school setting the relevant person shall be the designated liaison person.)

5 The Board of Management recognises that child protection and welfare considerations permeate all aspects of school life and must be reflected in all of the school's policies, procedures, practices and activities. In its policies, procedures, practices and activities, the school will adhere to the following principles of best practice in child protection and welfare:

The school will:

- recognise that the protection and welfare of children is of paramount importance, regardless of all other considerations;
- fully comply with its statutory obligations under the Children First Act 2015 and other relevant legislation relating to the protection and welfare of children;
- fully co-operate with the relevant statutory authorities in relation to child protection and welfare matters;
- adopt safe practices to minimise the possibility of harm or accidents happening to children and protect workers from the necessity to take unnecessary risks that may leave themselves open to accusations of abuse or neglect;
- develop a practice of openness with parents and encourage parental involvement in the education of their children; and
- fully respect confidentiality requirements in dealing with child protection matters.

The school will also adhere to the above principles in relation to any adult pupil with a special vulnerability.

6 The following procedures/measures are in place:

- In relation to any member of staff who is the subject of any investigation (howsoever described) in respect of any act, omission or circumstance in respect of a child attending the school, the school adheres to the relevant procedures set out in Chapter 7 of the *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools (revised 2023)* and to the relevant agreed disciplinary procedures for school staff which are published on the gov.ie website.

- In relation to the selection or recruitment of staff and their suitability to work with children, the school adheres to the statutory vetting requirements of the National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Acts 2012 to 2016 and to the wider duty of care guidance set out in relevant Garda vetting and recruitment circulars published by the Department of Education and available on the gov.ie website.

- In relation to the provision of information and, where necessary, instruction and training, to staff in respect of the identification of the occurrence of harm (as defined in the 2015 Act) the school-

  - Has provided each member of 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
- The Board of Management maintains records of all staff and Board member training

- In relation to reporting of child protection concerns to Tusla, all school personnel are required to adhere to the procedures set out in the *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools (revised 2023)*, including in the case of registered teachers, those in relation to mandated reporting under the Children First Act 2015.

- All registered teachers employed by the school are mandated persons under the Children First Act 2015.

- 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 15/12/2025.

This Child Safeguarding Statement was reviewed by the Board of Management on 15/12/2025.

Signed: Muala Frost.

Chairperson, Board of Management

Date: 15-12-2025.

Signed: Denis Kennedy

Principal

Date: 15-12-2025

Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment

Written Assessment of Risk of Meelick Primary School

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 Meelick Primary School

1. List of school activities	2. The school has identified the following risk of harm in respect of its activities -	3. The school has the following procedures in place to address the risks of harm identified in this assessment-
Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils	Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child Risk of harm due to bullying of child Risk of harm to children with SEN who have particular vulnerabilities	The school has in place a Code of Behaviour for Pupils The school has a Bí Cineálta Policy which fully adheres to the requirements of the Department's *Bí Cineálta Procedures to Prevent and Address Bullying Behaviour for Primary and Post-Primary Schools*
Recreation breaks for pupils	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 another child Risk of harm due to bullying of child	The school has a Bí Cineálta Policy which fully adheres to the requirements of the Department's *Bí Cineálta Procedures to Prevent and Address Bullying Behaviour for Primary and Post-Primary Schools* All teachers have received a copy of the "Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers" from the Teaching Council

	Risk of harm to children with SEN who have particular vulnerabilities	The school has in place a Code of Behaviour for Pupils
Classroom Teaching	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 harm due to bullying of child 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 in school Risk of harm to children with SEN who have particular vulnerabilities	All school personnel are provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement A copy of "The Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017" has been given to all staff members and a link to the revised procedures has been emailed to all staff. A copy of "Children First 2017" has been given to all staff members. School personnel are required to adhere to the *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools(Revised 2023)* and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the *Children First Act 2015* All teachers have received a copy of the "Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers" from the Teaching Council 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 Bí Cineálta Policy which fully adheres to the requirements of the Department's *Bí Cineálta Procedures to Prevent and Address Bullying Behaviour for Primary and Post-Primary Schools*

		The school has in place a Code of Behaviour for 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 an ICT policy in respect of usage of ICT by pupils Pupils are not permitted to have mobile phones in school
One-to-one teaching	Risk of harm in one-to-one teaching, counselling, coaching situation Risk of harm to children with SEN who have particular vulnerabilities	All school personnel are provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement A copy of "The Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017" has been given to all staff members and a link to the revised procedures has been emailed to all staff.

		A copy of "Children First 2017" has been given to all staff members. School personnel are required to adhere to the *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary (revised 2023)* and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the *Children First Act 2015* All teachers have received a copy of the "Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers" from the Teaching Council The school has a Bí Cineálta Policy which fully adheres to the requirements of the Department's *Bí Cineálta Procedures to Prevent and Address Bullying Behaviour for Primary and Post-Primary Schools* 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 and a link to the revised procedures has been emailed to all staff. School personnel are required to adhere to the *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools (revised 2023)* and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to *the Children First Act 2015*

		The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting All teachers have received a copy of the "Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers" from the Teaching Council 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 The school has in place an ICT Policy in respect of usage of ICT by pupils
Outdoor teaching activities	Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child 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	The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting All school personnel are provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement A copy of "The Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017" has been given to all staff members and a link to the revised procedures has been emailed to all staff.

	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 to children with SEN who have particular vulnerabilities	A copy of "Children First 2017" has been given to all staff members School personnel are required to adhere to *the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools (revised 2023)* and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the *Children First Act 2015* All teachers have received a copy of the "Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers" from the Teaching Council The school has a Bí Cineálta Policy which fully adheres to the requirements of the Department's *Bí Cineálta Procedures to Prevent and Address Bullying Behaviour for Primary and Post-Primary Schools* The school has a Health and Safety Policy The school has in place a Code of Behaviour for Pupils
Distance Learning	Risk of harm communicating with an adult over the internet.	The school requires permissions and supervision to be in place and has updated the AUP Policy to include these provisions. "Meelick NS Remote Teaching and Learning Plan" outlines the exact provisions for engagement in distance learning.

Sporting 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 to children with SEN who have particular vulnerabilities	The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting A copy of "The Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017" has been given to all staff members and a link to the revised procedures has been emailed to all staff. A copy of "Children First 2017" has been given to all staff members School personnel are required to adhere to the *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools (revised 2023)* and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the *Children First Act 2015* All teachers have received a copy of the "Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers" from the Teaching Council The school implements in full the Stay Safe Programme The school implements in full the SPHE curriculum The school has a Bí Cineálta Policy which fully adheres to the requirements of the Department's *Bí Cineálta Procedures to Prevent and Address Bullying Behaviour for Primary and Post-Primary Schools*

School outings	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 on school outings by a member of school personnel Risk of child being harmed on school outings by another child 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 bulling of child 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 to children with SEN who have particular vulnerabilities	The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting A copy of "The Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017" has been given to all staff members and a link to the revised procedures has been emailed to all staff. A copy of "Children First 2017" has been given to all staff members All teachers have received a copy of the "Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers" from the Teaching Council The school implements in full the Stay Safe Programme The school implements in full the SPHE curriculum The school has in place a Code of Behaviour for Pupils The school has a Bí Cineálta Policy which fully adheres to the requirements of the Department's *Bí Cineálta Procedures to Prevent and Address Bullying Behaviour for Primary and Post-Primary Schools*

Use of toilet areas in schools	Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children in school	The school implements in full the Stay Safe Programme The school implements in full the SPHE curriculum The school has in place a Code of Behaviour for Pupils The school has a Bí Cineálta Policy which fully adheres to the requirements of the Department's *Bí Cineálta Procedures to Prevent and Address Bullying Behaviour for Primary and Post-Primary Schools*
Annual sports day	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	The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting 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 and a link to the revised procedures has been emailed to all staff. School personnel are required to adhere to the *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools (revised 2023)* and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the *Children First Act 2015* The school has a Bí Cineálta Policy which fully adheres to the requirements of the Department's *Bí*

	Risk of harm due to bullying of child Risk of harm to children with SEN who have particular vulnerabilities	*Cineálta Procedures to Prevent and Address Bullying Behaviour for Primary and Post-Primary Schools* All teachers have received a copy of the "Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers" from the Teaching Council The school has in place a Code of Behaviour for Pupils
Fundraising events involving pupils	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. Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children in school	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 and a link to the revised procedures has been emailed to all staff. School personnel are required to adhere to the *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools (revised 2023)* and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the *Children First Act 2015* All teachers have received a copy of the "Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers" from the Teaching Council

	Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children while attending out of school activities	
Use of offsite facilities for school 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 harm due to inadequate supervision of children while attending out of school activities	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 and a link to the revised procedures has been emailed to all staff. School personnel are required to adhere to the *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools (revised 2023)* and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the *Children First Act 2015* All teachers have received a copy of the "Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers" from the Teaching Council The school has in place a Code of Behaviour for Pupils The school implements in full the Stay Safe Programme The school implements in full the SPHE curriculum
School transport arrangements	Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel, a member of staff of another organisation	School personnel are required to adhere to *the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools (revised 2023)* and all registered teaching

	or other person while child participating in out of school activities e.g. school trip, swimming lessons Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children while attending out of school activities	staff are required to adhere to the *Children First Act 2015* All teachers have received a copy of the "Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers" from the Teaching Council The school has a Bí Cineálta Policy which fully adheres to the requirements of the Department's *Bí Cineálta Procedures to Prevent and Address Bullying Behaviour for Primary and Post-Primary Schools* The school has in place a Code of Behaviour for Pupils The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting of Bus Escorts
Care of children with special educational needs	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	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 and a link to the revised procedures has been emailed to all staff. School personnel are required to adhere to the *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools (revised 2023)* and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the *Children First Act 2015*

	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 to children with SEN who have particular vulnerabilities Risk of harm in on-to-one teaching, counselling, coaching situation	All teachers have received a copy of the "Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers" from the Teaching Council The school implements in full the Stay Safe Programme The school implements in full the SPHE curriculum The school has a Special Educational Needs Policy
Management of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint where required	Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child Risk of harm due to bullying of child 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	The school implements in full the Stay Safe Programme The school implements in full the SPHE curriculum The school has a Bí Cineálta Policy which fully adheres to the requirements of the Department's *Bí Cineálta Procedures to Prevent and Address Bullying Behaviour for Primary and Post-Primary Schools* The school has in place a Code of Behaviour for Pupils 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 and a link to the revised procedures has been emailed to all staff. School personnel are required to adhere to the *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools (revised 2023)* and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the *Children First Act 2015* All teachers have received a copy of the "Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers" from the Teaching Council
Administration of medicine	Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel	The school has in place a Policy and Procedures for the administration of Medication to Pupils
Administration of first aid	Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel	A fully equipped first aid box is kept in the secretary's office. Any First Aid administered by the school is intended to be purely of a temporary nature. In the case of an injury/accident which requires further attention, the parent/guardian is informed. If they cannot be contacted, the child is taken for medical attention where necessary. The school has a policy in place for administration of First Aid to pupils and treatment of minor injuries/accidents.

Curricular provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe	Risk of harm due to an inappropriate relationship/communications Risk of harm due to children inappropriately accessing / using computers, social media, phones and other devices while at school	The school implements in full the Stay Safe Programme The school implements in full the SPHE curriculum
Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils	Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child Risk of harm due to bullying of child	The school implements in full the Stay Safe Programme The school implements in full the SPHE curriculum The school has a Bí Cineálta Policy which fully adheres to the requirements of the Department's *Bí Cineálta Procedures to Prevent and Address Bullying Behaviour for Primary and Post-Primary Schools*
Training of school personnel in child protection matters	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 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	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 The school has in place an ICT policy in respect of usage of ICT by pupils

	Risk of harm caused by 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	Pupils are not allowed to have mobile phones in school.
Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum	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 inadequate supervision of children in school Risk of harm due to inappropriate relationship / communications between child and another children or adult	The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting
Use of external personnel to support sports and other extra-curricular activities	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	The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting

	Risk of harm due to inappropriate relationship / communications between child and another child or adult	
Recruitment of school personnel including: Teachers and substitute teachers Caretaker / Secretary / Cleaners Volunteer parents in school activities Visitors / contractors present in school during school hours Visitors / contractors present after school 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 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 caused by 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	The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting 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 and a link to the revised procedures has been emailed to all staff. School personnel are required to adhere to the *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools (revised 2023)* and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the *Children* *First Act 2015* 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
Participation by pupils in religious ceremonies / religious instruction external 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 inadequate supervision of children while attending out of school activities	The school has in place a Code of Behaviour for Pupils The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting. The school implements in full the Stay Safe Programme
Care of pupils with specific vulnerabilities/ Needs such as Pupils from ethnic minorities/migrants Members of the travelling community Lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT) children Pupils perceived to be LGBT Pupils of minority religious faith Children in care Children on CPNS (child protection notification system)	Risk of harm due to bullying of child. Risk of the child being harmed by another child in the school 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 by a member of school personnel, a member of staff of another organisation	The school implements in full the Stay Safe Programme The school implements in full the SPHE curriculum The school has a Bí Cineálta Policy which fully adheres to the requirements of the Department's *Bí Cineálta Procedures to Prevent and Address Bullying Behaviour for Primary and Post-Primary Schools* The school has in place a Code of Behaviour for Pupils 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

	or other person while child participating in out of school activities e.g. school trip, swimming lessons Risk of harm caused by 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	school personnel and a link to the revised procedures has been emailed to all staff. School personnel are required to adhere to the *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools (revised 2023)* and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the *Children First Act 2015* All teachers have received a copy of the "Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers" from the Teaching Council
Use of information and communication technology by pupils in school	Risk of harm due to children inappropriately accessing / using computers, social media, phones and other devices while at school Risk of harm due to bullying of child Risk of harm caused by 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	The school has in place an AUP Policy in respect of usage of ICT by pupils Pupils are not allowed to have mobile phones in school The school has in place a Code of Behaviour for Pupils The school implements in full the Stay Safe Programme The school implements in full the SPHE curriculum The school has a Bí Cineálta Policy which fully adheres to the requirements of the Department's *Bí Cineálta Procedures to Prevent and Address Bullying Behaviour for Primary and Post-Primary Schools*

Application of sanctions under the school's Code of Behaviour including detention of pupils, confiscation of phones etc	Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by school personnel 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 inadequate supervision of children in school	The school has in place a Code of Behaviour for Pupils The school has a Bí Cineálta Policy which fully adheres to the requirements of the Department's *Bí Cineálta Procedures to Prevent and Address Bullying Behaviour for Primary and Post-Primary Schools* All school personnel are provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement A copy of "The Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017" has been given to all staff members and a link to the revised procedures has been emailed to all staff. A copy of "Children First 2017" has been given to all staff members. School personnel are required to adhere to the *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools(revised 2023)* and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the *Children First Act 2015* All teachers have received a copy of the "Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers" from the Teaching Council 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 in place a Code of Behaviour for 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
Use of video / photography / other media to record school events	Risk of harm caused by 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 Risk of harm due to children inappropriately accessing/using computers, social media, phones and other devices.	The school has in place an ICT Policy in respect of usage of ICT by pupils Pupils are not allowed to have mobile phones in school. Parental permission forms allowing consent for a child to be photographed or videoed are obtained.
After school use of school premises by other organisations: After School Club	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	Written assurance from the operators/organisers that all staff/volunteers have been vetted in accordance with current Garda Vetting requirements and the vetting does not contain any disclosure/specified information which would render that staff/volunteer unsuitable to carry out relevant work/activities with children/vulnerable adults.

	Risk of harm due to inappropriate relationship / communications between child and another child or adult	Written assurance from the operator that the service is registered with TUSLA in accordance with the Child Care Act 1991 as amended by the Child and Family Agency Act 2013, if applicable.
Assembly	Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children in school	The school has in place a Code of Behaviour for Pupils All school personnel are provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement A copy of "The Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017" has been given to all staff members and a link to the revised procedures has been emailed to all staff. A copy of "Children First 2017" has been given to all staff members. School personnel are required to adhere to the *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools (revised 2023)* and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the *Children First Act 2015* All teachers have received a copy of the "Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers" from the Teaching Council 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 Bí Cineálta Policy which fully adheres to the requirements of the Department's *Bí Cineálta Procedures to Prevent and Address Bullying Behaviour for Primary and Post-Primary Schools* The school has in place a Code of Behaviour for 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
Swimming lessons	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 inadequate supervision of children while attending out of school activities	The school implements in full the Stay Safe Programme The school implements in full the SPHE curriculum The school has in place a Code of Behaviour for Pupils All school personnel are provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement

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Library Visits	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 inadequate supervision of children while attending out of school activities	The school implements in full the Stay Safe Programme The school implements in full the SPHE curriculum The school has in place a Code of Behaviour for Pupils All school personnel are provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement A copy of "The Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017" has been given to all staff members and a link to the revised procedures has been emailed to all staff. A copy of "Children First 2017" has been given to all staff members. School personnel are required to adhere to the *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools (revised 2023)* and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the *Children First Act 2015* All teachers have received a copy of the "Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers" from the Teaching Council

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Student teachers and their tutors	Risk of child being harmed in the school by volunteer or visitor to the school Risk of harm due to inappropriate relationship / communications between child and another child or adult	The school requires that student teachers and their tutors be vetted by their colleges of education in accordance with the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting Student teachers are required to adhere to the *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools (revised 2023)* and the *Children First Act 2015*
Students participating in work experience in the school	Risk of child being harmed in the school by volunteer or visitor to the school Risk of harm due to inappropriate relationship / communications between child and another child or adult	The school requires that all students seeking to participate in work experience are vetted in accordance with the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting.

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 risk assessment has been completed by the Board of Management on 15/12/2025. It shall be reviewed as part of the school's annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

Signed: Muala Frost

Chairperson, Board of Management

Date: 15-12-2025.

Signed: Denis Kennedy

Principal

Date: 15-12-2025