



St. Brigid's National School, Cortown, Kells

**Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment
(of any potential harm)**

List of School Activities	Risk Level	The School has identified the following Risk of Harm	The School has the following Procedures in place to address risk identified in this assessment
Training of school personnel in Child Protection matters	High	Harm not recognised or reported promptly	Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff DLP & DDLP to attend PDST face to face training All Staff to view Túsla training module & any other online training offered by PDST BOM records all records of staff and board training
One to one teaching	Med	Harm by school personnel	School has policy in place for one to one teaching Glass in window and door and rooms have windows
Care of Children with special needs, including intimate care needs	High	Harm by school personnel	Policy on Intimate Care
Toilet areas	High	Inappropriate behaviour	Supervision Policy Toileting Policy
Curricular Provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay safe.	Med	Non-teaching of same	School implements SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe in full
LGBT Children/Pupils perceived to be LGBT	Low	Bullying	Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour

Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils	Med	Harm from older pupils, unknown adults on the playground	Arrival and dismissal supervised by Teachers -one at front gate and one at gate leading into the church
Sports Coaches	Med	Harm to pupils	Policy & Procedures in place Garda Vetting received prior to start of training Teacher on yard during sessions
Students participating in work experience	Low	Harm by student	Work experience Policy Child Safeguarding Statement. Garda vetting received prior to start date
Recreation breaks for pupils	High	Bullying Incidents and accidents Inappropriate behaviour	Anti-bullying Policy Supervision policy Code of Behaviour Incident and Accident reports Buddy Bench
Classroom teaching	Low	When teacher leaves room Inappropriate behaviour and comments Incidents and Accidents	Code of Behaviour Class rules Health and Safety policy Door open when teacher leaves the room and nearest class teacher informed of same
Outdoor teaching activities	Medium	Inappropriate behaviour Visiting adults Bullying	Children supervised at all times by the teacher Supervision Policy Garda Vetting Policy Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour
Sporting Activities	High	Visiting adults and pupils Unknown visiting adults and students	Supervision Policy
School outings	High	Inappropriate behaviour Unknown adults and children	Supervision Policy Code of Behaviour Buddy System
Annual Sports Day	High	Harm by unknown adults and children	Supervision Policy Code of Behaviour Safety Statement
Fundraising events involving pupils	High	Harm by unknown adults	Code of Behaviour Supervision Policy

Use of off-site facilities for school activities	High	Harm by unknown adults and children	Supervision Policy Code of Behaviour
School transport arrangements including use of bus escorts	Medium	Harm by unknown adults	Supervision Policy Code of Behaviour
Administration of Medicine Administration of First Aid	Low	Harm by school personnel	Administration of Medicine Policy Supervision Policy Health and Safety Policy Intimate Care Policy
Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils	Medium	Bullying	Anti- Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour Accident and Incident Folder
Care of pupils with specific vulnerabilities/ needs such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 (Child Protection Notification System) 	Low	Bullying Inappropriate Behaviour	Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour Supervision Policy
Recruitment of school personnel including - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers • SNA's • Caretaker/Secretary/Cleaners • Sports coaches • External Tutors/Guest Speakers • Volunteers/Parents in school activities 	Medium	Harm not recognised or properly or promptly reported	Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff Staff to view Tusla training module & any other online training offered by PDST Garda Vetting Policy Health and Safety Statement

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitors/contractors present in school during school hours • Visitors/contractors present during after school activities 			Child Safeguarding Statement
Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school		Bullying	AUP policy Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour
Student teachers undertaking training placement in school	Low	Harm by visiting school personnel	Garda Vetting Policy Supervision Policy Child Safeguarding Statement
Use of video/photography/other media to record school events	Medium	Misuse of recorded data	Data Protection and CCTV Policy Child Safeguarding Statement
Visit to school library	Low	Harm by volunteering adults	Supervision Policy Child Safeguarding Statement Garda Vetting Policy
NET Team	Low	Harm by visiting adults	Supervision Policy Child Safeguarding Statement Garda Vetting 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*

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 06/03/’18. It will be reviewed as part of the school’s annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

Signed _____ Date _____
Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed _____ Date _____
Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management