



Ardnagrath National School
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 identified risks:
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 Tusla 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 Horse shoe tables for new school Glass in door Blinds open Children socially distanced from teacher as per Dept guidelines Area used sanitised before next group
Care of Children with special needs, including intimate care needs	High	Harm by school personnel	Policy on intimate care SEN policy
Toilet areas at break times & during class times	High	Inappropriate behaviour Classrooms with no toilet facilities	Usage and Yard Rules policy Teachers on duty supervision Toilets sanitised during the day
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 and Sanctions
Daily arrival & dismissal of pupils Children going to and from classes	Med	Harm from older pupils, unknown adults on the playground	Arrival and dismissal supervised by teachers S.E. Teacher supervises return & getting children Children leave the school in staggered groups/through different gates

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Managing of challenging behaviour amongst pupils	High	Injury to pupils and staff	Health & Safety Policy Code of Behaviour and Sanctions Ongoing staff development – training for handling pupils
Sports Coaches	Med	Harm to pupils	Policy & Procedures in place Garda vetting Class teacher supervision (where necessary) Groups of up to 15 taken outdoors Outdoor coaching only Equipment sanitised before and after use
Students participating in work experience	Med	Harm by student	Code of Behaviour and Sanctions Child Safeguarding Statement Garda Vetted (age 16 and upwards) Awaiting guidance from colleges regarding Covid 19
Recreation breaks for pupils	High	Jumping wall for ball Lack of supervision	Supervision Policy Yard rules
Classroom teaching	Low	Harm to pupils/teachers	Classroom rules School rules/ethos Behaviour and Sanctions policy Children sanitise hands regularly Classroom enhanced cleaned daily
Outdoor teaching activities	Low	Harm to pupils/teachers	Classroom rules School rules/ethos Behaviour and Sanctions policy Children remain in pods
Sporting activities	High	Harm to pupil	Antibullying policy School rules Supervision at the activities Each class uses its own equipment Groups kept in pods where possible Outdoor sports encouraged and guided by HSE advice at time
Homework club/evening study	High	Risk to pupils and teacher	Homework club policy

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School Outings	High	Risk to pupils in unfamiliar settings	Supervision/school outings policy , School rules
1. Use of toilet/changing/shower areas (i.e at swimming) 2.Children who leave the classroom to use the toilet	High	Risk to pupils	1. Parental /staff assistance in junior changing areas. Teachers monitor / supervise while outside the changing area also 2.Classroom management

Annual Sports Day	High	External people on premises & toilets, Use of phones Empty Classrooms	Anti Bullying Policy Adequate supervision Boys & girls toilets No mobiles , Lock classrooms
Fundraising events involving pupils	High	External people Public places - No control	Adequate supervision Parental supervision
Use of off-site facilities for school activities	High	External people Public places No control	Adequate supervision Policies of facility/place in question Follow Covid-19 procedures in place for all sporting activities as per HSE guidance at the time
School transport arrangements Croí agus Caoi transport arrangements	High	Outside of our control Inappropriate behaviour	Organised by Parents Association Listen and follow Child Safeguarding Procedures Provided by Department of Ed. Follow Child Safeguarding Procedures
Management of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint where required	High		Policy for challenging behaviour to be adjusted.
Administration of Medicine	High		Policy in place
Administration of First Aid	High		Training provided for First aid and Defibrillator Defibrillator service annually
Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils	Med	Emotional harm to children	Anti-Bullying Code of Behaviour and Sanctions Policy Review annually & communicated to parents,

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Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum	Med	Harm to child	Garda vetting of all personnel Copy of Child Safe Guarding policy Every effort to ensure not alone with pupils Complete Pre-Return to school form on Covid 19 Questionnaire
Use of bus escorts	Med	One to one with pupil	Garda vetting in place for escort Given copy of Child Safeguarding Documents Follow HSE guidance provided
Care of pupils with specific vulnerabilities/needs such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils from ethnic minorities/migrants • Members of the traveler 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 List) 	Low	Bullying Non attendance Excluded – not suitable curriculum	Anti bullying Code of Behaviour and Sanctions Child & Safe Guarding policies Identify curriculum suitable to particular groups Buddy Bench for inclusion of all
Use of school premises by other organisations / individuals during school day	Low	Harm to pupils & bullying	Policy on school use during school day Garda Vetting Child Safe Guarding Policy

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Students participating in work experience in the school	Low	Harm to pupils	Garda vetted Aware of school Child Safe Guarding Policy & Anti Bullying policy Student known to school Supervision by school personnel Must follow Covid-19 guidelines provide by both HSE and colleges/schools
Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school	Medium	Bullying Social Media – cyber bullying Danger of internet	ICT policy Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour and Sanctions Supervision of all children Dangers of Social media for parents & child In-service staff development on Social Media & extend to parents. Annual Internet safety week
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 • Visitors/contractors present in school during school hours • Visitors/contractors present during/after school activities 	Low Low Low Low Low Medium Medium Low	Harm not recognized or properly or promptly reported Garda vetting as necessary Use of phones – T.Y students recording/photo/videos etc	Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff Staff to view Tusla training module & any other online training offered by PDST Vetting procedures Policy of Parents/Volunteers Policy on visiting contractors Policy on T.Y./student teachers/volunteers/subs. Must follow Covid 19 guidelines provided from HSE at time

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Application of sanctions under the school's Code of Behavior and Sanctions including detention of pupils, confiscation of phones etc.	Med	Unsupervised	Policy: Sick note / verbal parental communication only allowed stay in. Supervised by teacher's in own? HSE guideline??
Student teachers undertaking training placement in school	Low	Lack of experience Report incident – do they know to report anything relevant	Class teacher to adequately supervise Policy Code of Behaviour and Sanctions Report anything relevant to class teacher
Use of video/photography/other media to record school events	Medium	Material Circulated	Parent consent forms gathered Signed note
Late/Early arrivals and drop off	High	Children alone Stress for child	School open to children from 9.00 am only, collecting at 2.50 pm Parents informed
Guardianship	Low	Child collected by parent not authorised	Identify guardianship of children Pupil & Visitors log book Reporting to both parents where necessary (Policy)
Update Children's address & Contact numbers	Low	Emergency (contact number) Unknown location	Update address & contact details annually Parents Informed if there is change

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 School 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 It will be reviewed as part of the school’s annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

Signed:

Chairperson of BoM:

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Principal / Secretary to the BoM:

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