

Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment

Written Assessment of Risk of St Laurence O’Toole’s National School, Roundwood, Co Wicklow

In accordance with section 11 of the Children First Act 2015 and with the requirement of Chapter 8 of the *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and PostPrimary Schools (revised 2023)*, the following is the Written Risk Assessment of St Laurence O’Toole’s NS..

| 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 - |
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| Training of school personnel in Child Protection matters | Harm due to not reporting promptly or recognising harm | Child safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff DLP and DDLP attend face to face training All staff to complete Tusla training module BOM given Child Protection Procedures |
| Daily arrival / dismissal of pupils | Risk of harm to pupils | Supervision Policy Health & Safety Policy Code of Behaviour Procedures concerning specific playground equipment to be adhered to Personal Pupil Plans adhered to |
| School Transport | Risk of harm to pupils | Procedures between bus company and school regarding collection of pupils Bus Escort Policy Garda Vetting Procedures adhered to |
| Teaching Practice for students / Volunteers | Risk of harm to pupils | Garda vetting procedures followed Procedures for students / volunteers to be drawn up and made available to all relevant persons All visitors to be provided with lanyards or arrival |
| Accidents on yard - recording of accidents | Risk of harm to pupils | Supervision Policy First Aid and Medical Conditions Policy Health & Safety Policy |
| Supervision during breaks | Risk of harm to pupils | Supervision Policy Code of Behaviour |

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| | | Health & Safety Policy |
| One to One teaching | Risk of harm to pupil | Open door or glass panel in door |
| Care of children with special needs, including intimate care needs | Risk of harm to pupils | First Aid and Medical Conditions Policy Behaviours of Concern Policy Personal Pupil Plans adhered to / regular reviews |
| Adverse weather conditions | Risk of harm to pupils | Procedures for accessing / exiting school grounds Health & Safety Policy |
| School trips | Risk of harm to pupils | Procedures for volunteers / parents in place Tours and Outings Policy Garda vetting procedures adhered to Anti-Bullying Policy |
| Yard | Risk of harm to pupils | Code of Behaviour Supervision Policy Procedures for specific equipment used in yard Anti-Bullying Policy Behaviours of Concern Policy |
| Administration of Medication | Risk of harm to pupils | Staff training for medical conditions relevant to needs |
| Remote Learning | Risk of harm to pupil | Acceptable Use Policy Remote Learning Policy |
| Swimming | Risk of harm to pupil | Swimming procedures in place |
| Outside Sporting Activities | Risk of harm to pupils | Tours and Outings Policy Garda vetting procedures adhered to |
| Classroom Teaching | Risk of harm to pupils | Glass panel in doors Garda vetting procedures followed |
| Access to school | Risk of harm to pupils | Keyholder Policy Code to door changed Doors kept closed / locked during the school day |
| Curricular provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe | Non delivery of curriculum | Whole school planning and implementation of curricular subjects |
| Bullying | Harm to pupils | Anti-Bullying Policy Bullying Sociograms for prevention |

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| | | Code of Behaviour Behaviour of Concerns Policy Supervision Policy Staff professional development |
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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.

James Quirke

Chairperson, Board of Management

Date: 24th January 2024