



Spa National School

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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 Post-Primary Schools 2017*, the following is the Written Risk Assessment of Spa National School.

Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment

List of School Activities	Risk Level	Identified 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	Med	Harm not recognised or reported promptly	Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff. Annual review with all staff. DLP & DDLP to attend PDST online 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	Vetting Procedures School has procedures in place for one to one teaching. Open doors Table between teacher and pupil Glass in window
Care of Children with special needs, including intimate care needs	Med	Harm by school personnel	Procedure advice on intimate care
Toilet areas	Med	Inappropriate behaviour	Usage and supervision policy Classroom procedures
Curricular Provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay safe.	Med	Non-teaching of same	School implements SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe in full.
Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils.	Med	Bullying	Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour Supervision Policy S.P.H.E & Stay Safe programmes
LGBT Children/Pupils perceived to be LGBT	Med	Bullying	Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour Supervision Policy
Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils.	Med	Harm from older pupils, unknown adults on the playground.	Arrival and dismissal supervised by Teachers. Supervision Policy
Managing of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint	Med	Injury to pupils and staff	Supervision Policy Health & Safety Policy Code Of Behaviour
Sports Coaches	Med	Harm to pupils	Supervision & Vetting Policy & Procedures in place.
Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum	Med	Harm to pupils	Supervision & Vetting Policy & Procedures in place.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • External Tutors/Guest Speakers • Volunteers/Parents in school activities • Visitors/contractors present in school during school hours • Visitors/contractors present during after school activities 			Policy of Parents / Volunteers Policy on Visiting Contractors
Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school	Med	Bullying Exposure to inappropriate material	Supervision Policy Acceptable Usage policy Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour
Application of sanctions under the school's Code of Behaviour including detention of pupils, confiscation of phones etc.	Med	Bullying. Harm to pupils	Procedures in place
Student teachers undertaking training placement in school	Med	Harm to pupils	Supervision Policy Procedures in place.
Use of video/photography/other media to record school events.	Med	Bullying Manipulation of material to cause harm,	Supervision Policy A.U.P Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour Mobile Phone Usage Policy
After school use of school premises by other organizations.	Med	Harm to pupils	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 staff and Board of Management on **March 5th 2018, October 1st 2018, October 21st 2019, October 19th 2020.**

It was reviewed on **October 14th 2021** and will be reviewed again in 2022 as part of the school's annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

Signed Vera Treaney Date 14/10/2021
Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed Peter Linehan Date 14/10/2021
Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management