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Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment

For:	Newtown Junior School	
At:	Lower Newtown, Waterford City, X91 ET86	

This school is a: (tick appropriate) ☒ primary ☐ post-primary ☐ special school

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) and 2025, Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025 and Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice, 2nd ed. (Tusla, 2024), the board of management has adopted the Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment set out in this document.

The board of management has adopted and will implement fully and without modification the department's Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025 as part of this overall Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment.

Name of the Designated Liaison Person (DLP):

Colin Busher

Name of the Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP/DDLP):

Kathy Macdougald

In the absence of the DLP, the Deputy DLP shall assume responsibilities of the DLP

Name of Relevant Person

Colin Busher

(In schools this person is the DLP)

Relevant Person can be contacted on:

086 374 5633	principal@njs.ie
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Under the Children First Act 2015 Relevant Person means a person who is appointed by a provider of a relevant service to be the first point of contact in respect of the Child Safeguarding Statement. This person is nominated by the board of management to manage and provide oversight of child protection concerns/allegations of child abuse.

Name of Chairperson of the board of management, or in an ETB school the Chief Executive or their delegate:

Ken Cunningham

In the event that both DLP and DDLP are absent and unavailable, and where there is no staff member formally acting in their role, the chairperson of the board of management, or in an ETB school the chief executive or their delegate, assumes the role of DLP.

The board of management recognises that child protection and safeguarding permeate all aspects of school life and must be reflected in all of the school's policies, procedures, practices and activities. In all of these, 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 happening to children and protect members of school personnel from the necessity to take unnecessary risks that may leave themselves open to accusations of child abuse.
- ☐ Develop a practice of openness with parents and encourage parental involvement in the education of their children.
- ☐ Fully respect confidentiality requirements as set out in the Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025 in dealing with child protection matters.
- ☐ Adhere to the above principles in relation to any vulnerable adult.

Procedures and Measures in Place

Our Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, the *Children First: National Guidance 2017*, and *Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice, 2nd ed. (Tusla, 2024)*, and the *Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025*. In addition to the procedures listed in our risk assessment, the following procedures support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our service:

> Procedure for the Management of Allegations of Abuse or Misconduct against School Personnel Relating to a Child Availing of Our Service

~ Where any member of school personnel is the subject of any investigation in respect of any act, omission or circumstance in relation to a child attending the school, the school is required to adhere to the relevant procedures set out in Chapter 7 of the *Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025* and to the relevant agreed disciplinary procedures for school staff which are published on the gov.ie website.

> Procedure for the Safe Recruitment and Selection of School Personnel to Work With Children

- ~ The school is required to adhere to the requirements of the Vetting Act. The selection or recruitment of staff and their suitability to work with children, requires the school to adhere 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 Youth and available on the gov.ie website and as outlined in Chapter 10 of the procedures.
- ~ A written protocol is in place authorising immediate action for cases which require an employee to be immediately absented from school for child safeguarding reasons.

> Procedure for Provision of and Access to Child Safeguarding Training and Information, Including the Identification of the Occurrence of Harm

- ~ The school provides information and training to members of school personnel in relation to the identification of the occurrence of harm (as defined in the 2015 Act) as follows:
 - ~ The school has provided each member of school personnel, including any new members of school personnel, (employees and volunteers, board of management members, student teachers and those on work experience) with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment.
 - ~ The school ensures that members of school personnel have availed of relevant training and completed child protection training.
 - ~ The school encourages board of management members to avail of any relevant training and complete child protection training.
 - ~ The board of management ensures that records of all staff and board member child protection training are maintained.

> Procedure for the Reporting of Child Protection or Welfare Concerns to Tusla

- ~ All members of school personnel are required to adhere to the procedures set out in the *Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025*, in relation to reporting of child protection concerns to Tusla. Mandated reporting applies to all registered teachers and any other mandated person who may be employed by the school, for example a chaplain or nurse. A full list of those people who are mandated persons is set out in Appendix 1 procedures.

> Procedure for Maintaining a List of the Persons (if any) in the Relevant Service Who Are Mandated Persons

- ~ There is a procedure in place to maintain a list of mandated persons. Schools may on occasion employ additional staff who are mandated by virtue of their profession. This list will include all registered teachers and identify additional employees that are not registered teachers.

> Procedure for Appointing a Relevant Person (In schools this person is the DLP)

- ~ There is a procedure in place for appointing a relevant person.

The various procedures referred to in this Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment can be accessed via the school's website, the gov.ie website or will be made available on request by the school.

In accordance with the Children First Act 2015, the Addendum to Children First 2019 and 2025, and the *Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025*, the board of management 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.

This statement has been published on the school's website or will be made available on request by the school. It has been provided to all members of school personnel, the parents' association (if any), the patron and parents. A copy of this statement and risk assessment will be made available to Tusla and the department if requested.

This Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment will be reviewed annually or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which this statement refers.

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	List of School Activities	Risks Identified Against Each School Activity	Procedures/Measures in place to Mitigate Risk
1.	1. Daily arrival and dismissal of children	Risk of child being harmed in the school by other children due to inadequate supervision. Risk of child being harmed in the school by unknown adults who may enter the premises.	• Arrival of pupils from 8:30 is supervised by teachers. SNAs also present. Front door is closed and locked at 8:45 by teacher on Gate Duty. • Children who arrive after 8:45 can buzz the office for access to school. The school secretary will, where necessary, assist children in accessing classrooms. Parents are requested to remain at the door. • Dismissal of all pupils in Infants, First Class and Second Class, Third and Fourth Class is supervised by Class Teacher and children are collected by designated persons as advised by parents to school per form circulated to all parents at the start of each academic year. • Dismissal of pupils in Fifth and Sixth Class is not directly supervised. This is to encourage pupil independence so children are allowed leave

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			school grounds without adult. Class Teacher checks all pupils gone before Class Teacher leaves school. Class Teacher will phone parents where children not collected in a timely manner. Parents are notified of the arrangements via letter at the start of the academic year. The School fully implements the SPHE curriculum including the Stay Safe programme.
2.	2. Collection/arrival of children from school during school day.	Risk of child being harmed in the school by unknown adult who may access school if front door not properly closed. Risk of child being harmed in the school by parent.	- Parents are requested to use intercom and contact secretary during office hours or classroom outside of office hours. During office hours, secretary will collect child from classroom and bring child to parent/bring child to classroom. Outside office hours, Class Teacher will either request another teacher or SNA to bring child to door/collect child from door OR Class Teacher will arrange for class to be supervised and will bring/collect child him/herself. - To ensure the safety of all, Parents will not be

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			allowed access to the school and are requested to remain at the door.
3.	3. Recreation breaks for children	Risk of child being harmed in the school by other children due to inadequate supervision. Risk of child being harmed in the school by other children due to bullying.	- Classrooms and garden supervised by a teacher as set out in the duty rota. SNAs present in designated classrooms and are in the garden at playtimes. - Out of bounds area (area to side and front of entrance to Malcolmson Classroom) explained and monitored. - Children not allowed to return to school building during break save to use toilets and if using toilets, allowed to do so one at a time. - School has Bí Cineálta policy which fully adheres to the requirements of DE procedures.
4.	4. Classroom teaching	Risk of child being harmed in the school by school personnel.	- All school personnel have been provided with a copy of the School's Child Safeguarding Statement. All staff sign acknowledgement of receipt. - Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools, (revised 2025)

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			have been made available to all school personnel. • Substitute personnel are also furnished with the aforementioned documentation and sign acknowledgement of receipt. • School Personnel are required to adhere to the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools, (revised 2025) and all registered teachers are required to adhere to the Children First Act, 2015. • Teachers adhere to the Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers published by the Teaching Council. • The School adheres to the requirements of the Garda Vetting legislation and relevant DE circulars in relation to recruitment. • The School adheres to recruitment procedures set out in Circular 44/2019 (Teachers) and Circular 51/2019 (SNAs) and other relevant DE circulars as published from time to time by the Department.

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			There are glass panels in all classroom doors.
5.	5. One to one teaching	Risk of child being harmed in the school by school personnel.	- As for number four above. - Teacher will ensure that there is a table between teacher and child. - Parents will be advised where one-to-one teaching is regularly timetabled.
6.	6. Outdoor activities teaching	Risk of child being harmed in the school by school personnel. Risk of child being harmed by other children.	- All school personnel have been provided with a copy of the School's Child Safeguarding Statement. - Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools, (revised 2025) have been made available to all school personnel. - Substitute personnel are also furnished with the aforementioned documentation. - School Personnel are required to adhere to the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools, (revised 2025) and all registered teachers are required to adhere to the Children First Act, 2015. - Teachers adhere to the Code of

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			Professional Conduct for Teachers published by the Teaching Council. • The School adheres to the requirements of the Garda Vetting legislation and relevant DE circulars in relation to vetting. • The School adheres to recruitment procedures set out in Circular 44/2019, Circular 51/2019 and other relevant DE circulars as published from time to time by the DE. • Teachers will supervise such activities. • School has Bí Cineálta policy which fully adheres to the requirements of DE procedures. • School has a Code of Behaviour for children. • The School fully implements the SPHE curriculum including the Stay Safe programme and the messages in these programmes are re-enforced in the School's Collect programme.
7.	7. Sporting Activities on school premises where Class Teacher takes class.	Risk of child being harmed in the school by school personnel.	• As for number six above.

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		Risk of child being harmed in the school by other children.	
8.	8. Use of pool at Newtown School to include use of toilet/changing/ areas when attending swimming	Risk of child being harmed by school personnel. Risk of child being harmed by other children. Risk of child being harmed by unknown adults/pupils of Newtown School. Risk of child being harmed by swimming coach.	• All school personnel have been provided with a copy of the School's Child Safeguarding Statement. • Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools, (revised 2025) have been made available to all school personnel. • Substitute personnel are also furnished with the aforementioned documentation. • School Personnel are required to adhere to the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools, (revised 2025) and all registered teachers are required to adhere to the Children First Act, 2015. • Teachers adhere to the Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers published by the Teaching Council. • The School adheres to the requirements of the Garda Vetting legislation and relevant DE circulars in relation to vetting. • The School adheres to

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			recruitment procedures set out in Circular 44/2019, Circular 51/2019 and other relevant DE circulars as published from time to time by the DE. • A Teacher/Staff Member will supervise in each dressing room. • Teacher will supervise in pool area. • Children will be encouraged to use toilet facilities before leaving changing area and if they need to use toilet during swimming lesson, two adults will accompany each child to the toilet. One adult will remain on the pool side of the Changing Room Door with door slightly open, the second adult will stay in corridor between changing room door and toilet door. • School has Bí Cineálta policy which fully adheres to the requirements of DE procedures. • School has a Code of Behaviour for children. • The School fully implements the SPHE curriculum including the Stay Safe programme.

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9.	9. Other Sporting Activities off school premises such as competitions/events.	Risk of child being harmed by school personnel. Risk of child being harmed by other children. Risk of child being harmed by unknown adults/children.	• All school personnel have been provided with a copy of the School's Child Safeguarding Statement. • Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools, (revised 2025) have been made available to all school personnel. • Substitute personnel are also furnished with the aforementioned documentation. • School Personnel are required to adhere to the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools, (revised 2025) and all registered teachers are required to adhere to the Children First Act, 2015. • Teachers adhere to the Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers published by the Teaching Council. • The School adheres to the requirements of the Garda Vetting legislation and relevant DE circulars in relation to vetting. • The School adheres to recruitment procedures set out in Circular 44/2019, Circular 51/2019 and other

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			relevant DE circulars as published from time to time by the DE. • School has Bí Cineálta policy which fully adheres to the requirements of DE procedures. • A Teacher/Staff Member will supervise the activity. • Children will be encouraged to use toilet facilities before leaving school and if they need to use toilet during activity, they will be sent in pairs with a staff member. • School has a Code of Behaviour for children. The School fully implements the SPHE curriculum including the Stay Safe programme.
10	10. After school hockey club, after school rugby club and after school music.	Risk of child being harmed in the school by coaches. Risk of child being harmed in the school by other children.	The School adheres to the requirements of the Garda Vetting legislation and relevant DE circulars in relation to vetting and ensures all parent volunteers are vetted. • The club organisers have a First Aid kit available to them. • The club organisers keep a register of attendees and ensure all children

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			are signed out to parents/designated collectors at the end of each session. • The club organisers maintain an incident book. • School has Bí Cineálta policy which fully adheres to the requirements of DE procedures. • School has a Code of Behaviour for children. • The School fully implements the SPHE curriculum including the Stay Safe programme. • The School's Child Safeguarding Statement is posted at the entrance to the school and is made available to the club organisers.
	11. School outings	Risk of child being harmed by school personnel. Risk of child being harmed by other children. Risk of child being harmed by unknown adults.	• As for number six above. • In addition, children will be allocated partners and will be asked to stay with partner at all times. • Choice of outings will be carefully considered by School.
	12. Annual Sports Day and Easter Fun Day.	Risk of child being harmed by school personnel. Risk of child being harmed by other children.	• All school personnel have been provided with a copy of the School's Child

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		Risk of child being harmed by unknown adults. Risk of child being harmed by parents.	Safeguarding Statement. • Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools, (revised 2025) have been made available to all school personnel. • Substitute personnel are also furnished with the aforementioned documentation. • School Personnel are required to adhere to the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools, (revised 2025) and all registered teachers are required to adhere to the Children First Act, 2015. • Teachers adhere to the Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers published by the Teaching Council. • The School adheres to the requirements of the Garda Vetting legislation and relevant DE circulars in relation to vetting. • A Teacher/Staff Member will supervise activities. • Children will be encouraged to use toilet facilities in school before leaving school and if they need to use toilet during off site activity,

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			they will be sent in pairs with a staff member. - On Easter Fun Day, a vetted adult (usually a PA Volunteer) will be at school door to monitor those accessing school. The gates to the school's rear garden will remain locked. - On Sports Day, a vetted adult (usually a PA Volunteer) will be at school garden gate to monitor those accessing the garden. The school's front door will remain locked. - The School adheres to recruitment procedures set out in Circular 44/2019, Circular 51/2019 and other relevant DE circulars as published from time to time by the DE. - School has Bí Cineálta policy which fully adheres to the requirements of DE procedures. - School has a Code of Behaviour for children. The School fully implements the SPHE curriculum including the Stay Safe programme.
	13. Use of toilet areas in school.	Risk of child being harmed in the school by other	Toilets in the School are in communal areas

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		children due to inappropriate behaviour. Risk of child being harmed by other children due to bullying.	outside of classrooms. There are locks on all toilet cubicle doors and children are encouraged to close doors fully. All but two of our seven toilets have internal wash hand basins and handtowels to limit the opportunity for children to congregate together. • Only one child from each class will be allowed go the toilet at any given time and the Class Teacher will monitor the duration of toilet breaks. • Children are taught to close toilet/cubicle door when using toilets and are also taught that only one person should be in the toilet at any time. • School has a Bí Cineálta policy which fully adheres to the requirements of DE procedures. • School has a Code of Behaviour for children. • The School fully implements the SPHE curriculum including the Stay Safe programme.
	14. Care of Children with special needs, including intimate care needs	Risk of child being harmed in the school by school personnel.	• All school personnel have been provided

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			with a copy of the School's Child Safeguarding Statement. • Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools, (revised 2025) have been made available to all school personnel. • Substitute personnel are also furnished with the aforementioned documentation. • School Personnel are required to adhere to the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools, (revised 2025) and all registered teachers are required to adhere to the Children First Act, 2015. • Teachers adhere to the Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers published by the Teaching Council. • The School adheres to the requirements of the Garda Vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment. • The School adheres to recruitment procedures set out in Circular 44/2019, Circular 51/2019 and other relevant DE circulars as

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			published from time to time by the DE. The School has a policy on Intimate Care Needs.
	15. Managing of challenging behaviour amongst children, including appropriate use of restraint	Risk of injury to child by school personnel	- The School has a Health & Safety Policy - School has a Code of Behaviour for children. - All school personnel have been provided with a copy of the School's Child Safeguarding Statement. - Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools, (revised 2025) have been made available to all school personnel. - Substitute personnel are also furnished with the aforementioned documentation. - School Personnel are required to adhere to the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools, (revised 2025) and all registered teachers are required to adhere to the Children First Act, 2015. - Teachers adhere to the Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers published by the Teaching Council.

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			- The School adheres to the requirements of the Garda Vetting legislation and relevant DE circulars in relation to recruitment. - The School adheres to the recruitment procedures set out in Circular 44/2019 (Teaching Staff) and Circular 51/2019 on SNA recruitment. - Staff members undertook whole school training on crisis prevention management. This training took place in November 2019.
	16. Use of external personnel, including Sports Coaches, to supplement curricular activities.	Risk of child being harmed in the school by school personnel.	- As for number four above. - In addition, Class Teacher will supervise class at all times.
	17. Students participating in work experience working within School.	Risk of child being harmed in the school by students.	As for number 16 above.
	18. Student Teachers undertaking training placement in school	Risk of child being harmed in the school by students.	As for number 16 above.
	19. Care of children with specific vulnerabilities/needs such as - Children from ethnic minorities/migrants - Members of the Traveller community - Lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT) children	Risk of child being harmed in the school by other children due to bullying.	- Children are supervised during teaching time and recreation breaks. - School has an Bí Cineálta policy which fully adheres to the requirements of DE procedures.

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	- Children perceived to be LGBT - Children of minority religious faiths - Children in care - Children on CPNS - Children with medical needs		- School has a Code of Behaviour for children. - The School fully implements the SPHE curriculum including the Stay Safe programme and the messages in these programmes are re-enforced in the School's Collect programme. - The School maintains its Quaker ethos which promotes respect of all members of the school community.
	20. Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst children	Risk of child being harmed in the school by other children due to bullying.	As for number 19 above.
	21. Curricular provision of SPHE programme to include the RSE programme and the Stay safe programme.	Non-teaching of same may mean that children do not understand the nature of harm as defined in the Children First Act.	- School implements SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe programmes in full. - Teachers set out details of teaching in their monthly reports which are checked by Principal. - Parents are made aware of times of implementation of programmes so they can discuss topics with children. - Homework on topics given to facilitate discussion with parents.

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	22. Administration of Medicine and Administration of First Aid	Risk of child being harmed in the school by school personnel.	- The School has an Administration of Medicines Policy and a First Aid Policy. - All Teaching and SNA staff members complete First Aid Training during the 2022/2023 Academic Year. - All staff have been shown how to use anaphylaxis pen by parents. - Information on administration of anaphylaxis pen is displayed in all classrooms, office and staff room. - All staff are aware that First Aid materials are stored in the Staff room and near toilets to rear of building. A portable First Aid kit is available for all trips. - AP II postholder maintains the First Aid equipment.
	23. Recruitment of school personnel including - - Teachers - SNAs - Caretaker/Secretary/Cleaners - Sports coaches - External Tutors/Guest Speakers	Risk of child being harmed in the school by school personnel. Personnel may not recognise harm and/or not report it properly or promptly.	- All school personnel are provided with a copy of the School's Child Safeguarding Statement. - Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools, (revised 2025) are made available to all school personnel. - Substitute personnel are also furnished

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			with the aforementioned documentation. • School Personnel are required to adhere to the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools, (revised 2025) and all registered teachers are required to adhere to the Children First Act, 2015. • Teachers adhere to the Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers published by the Teaching Council. • The School adheres to the requirements of the Garda Vetting legislation and relevant DE circulars in relation to vetting. • The School adheres to recruitment procedures set out in Circular 44/2019, Circular 51/2019 and other relevant DE circulars as published from time to time by the DE.
	24. Visitors to school including: • Volunteers/Parents assisting with school activities • Visitors/contractors present in school during school hours	Risk of child being harmed in the school by school personnel. Personnel may not recognise harm and/or not report it properly or promptly	• A copy of the School's Child Safeguarding Statement is on display at school entrance. • The School adheres to the requirements of the Garda Vetting

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	Visitors/contractors present during after school activities		legislation and relevant DE circulars in relation to vetting. Teachers supervise children during all activities.
	25. Training of school personnel in Child Protection matters	Personnel may not recognise harm and/or not report it properly or promptly. Risk of child being harmed in the school by school personnel.	- All school personnel are provided with a copy of the School's Child Safeguarding Statement. - Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools, (revised 2025) are made available to all school personnel. - Substitute personnel are also furnished with the aforementioned documentation. - School Personnel are required to adhere to the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools, (revised 2025) and all registered teachers are required to adhere to the Children First Act, 2015. - The school ensures staff to avail of training from time to time. - Staff have completed the Tusla E-Learning programme on Child Protection.

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			- The School encourages Board of Management members to avail of relevant training. - The School maintains records of all staff and board training.
	26. Use of Information and Communication Technology ("ICT") by children in school	Risk of harm to children from other children by bullying and/or cyber bullying. Risk of harm to children due to inappropriate relationships/communications between child and another child or adult. Risk of harm to child due to child inappropriately accessing or using ICT. Risk of harm to child due to member of school personnel or another child or unknown adult accessing or circulating inappropriate material via ICT.	- Children are supervised when using ICT. - The DE firewall is in place. - School has an Acceptable Use of ICT policy which was reviewed in 2026. - School has an BÍ Cineálta policy which fully adheres to the requirements of DE procedures. - School has an Anti-Cyber Bullying policy. - School has a Code of Behaviour for children. - The School fully implements the SPHE curriculum including the Stay Safe programme and the messages in these programmes are re-enforced in the School's Collect programme. - The School arranged for outside providers, Barnados to speak to children from Third to Sixth Class, Teachers and Parents about

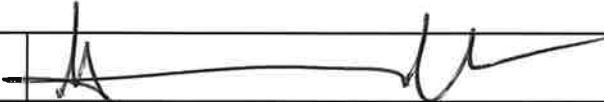
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			internet safety in February, 2020. All classes did follow up lessons on internet safety on Safer Internet Day in February, 2020. An external specialist, Ger Brick, ran sessions with 3rd to 6th Class and with parents in January, 2023. • Safer Internet Day is marked each year on a whole school basis. • The School maintains its Quaker ethos which promotes respect of all members of the school community.
	27. Use of video/photography/other media to record school events	Risk of harm to children due to inappropriate relationships/communications between child and another child or adult. Risk of harm to child due to member of school personnel or another child or unknown adult accessing or circulating inappropriate material via social media, texting, digital device or other manner.	• The school uses first names only when attaching names to photographs published in the media, save for competition winners. • In advance of events which parents attend, parents will be requested by text not to share images of other people's children on social media/Facebook etc.

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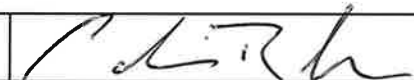
In accordance with Section 11 of the Children First Act 2015 and with the requirements of Chapter 9 of the Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025, the following is the written Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment.

In undertaking this Child Safeguarding Statement and 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 Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment was reviewed by the board of management on 17/9/2026 (most recent review date)

Signed:*		Date: <u>17/9/2026</u>
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Chairperson of the board of management

Signed:*		Date: <u>17/9/2026</u>
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Principal/Secretary to the board of management

This Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment is expected to be reviewed again on September 2027 (expected review date)

* Document to be printed and signed with original signatures