

Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment 2020 (of any potential harm)

Written Assessment of Risk of Central Model Senior School. 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 Central Model Senior School.

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 Open doors Table between teacher and pupil
Care of Children with special needs, including intimate care needs	High	Harm by school personnel	Intimate Care Policy (to be completed Oct 2020)
Toilet areas	High	Inappropriate behaviour	Supervision Policy (review Oct 2020)
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 2019 Code of Behaviour 2018

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Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils	Med	Harm from older pupils, unknown adults on the playground	Arrival and dismissal supervised by Teachers
Managing of challenging behaviour amongst pupils	High	Injury to pupils and staff	Health & Safety Policy 2018 Code of Behaviour 2018
Sports Coaches	Med	Harm to pupils	Visitor and External Personnel Policy 2018
Students participating in work experience, students completing teacher placement.	Low	Harm by student	Work Experience Policy 2020 Student Teacher Policy 2018 Child Safeguarding Statement.
Recreation breaks for pupils	High	Risk of harm by child by other child, risk of harm due to bullying, risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children, risk of harm to children with SEN with particular vulnerabilities	Health and Safety Policy 2018 Code of Behaviour 2018 Supervision Policy Anti Bullying Policy 2019 SEN Policy 2019
Classroom teaching	Low	Risk of harm by child by other child, risk of harm due to bullying, risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children, risk of harm to children with SEN with particular vulnerabilities	Health and Safety Policy 2018 Code of Behaviour 2018 Supervision Policy Anti Bullying Policy 2019 SEN Policy 2019
One-to-one teaching	Med	Harm by school personnel	Open doors, teacher accompanies child to and from classroom One to One Policy 2018
Outdoor teaching activities	Med	Risk of harm by child by other child, risk of harm due to bullying, risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children, risk of harm to children with SEN with particular vulnerabilities	Health and Safety Policy 2018 Code of Behaviour 2018 Supervision Policy Anti Bullying Policy 2019 SEN Policy 2019

Sporting Activities	Med	Risk of harm by child by other child, risk of harm due to bullying, risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children, risk of harm to children with SEN with particular vulnerabilities	Health and Safety Policy 2018 Code of Behaviour Supervision Policy Anti Bullying Policy 2019 SEN Policy 2019
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Homework club/School Completion Programme	Med	Risk of harm by child by other child, risk of harm due to bullying, risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children, risk of harm to children with SEN with particular vulnerabilities	Health and Safety Policy 2018 Code of Behaviour Supervision Policy Anti Bullying Policy 2019 SEN Policy 2019
Breakfast club	Low	Harm from one child to another, harm from external personnel	Garda vetting of external personnel Class teacher present at all times.
School outings	High	Traffic accidents, children injuring themselves, children getting lost, inadequate supervision, bullying of a child by another child, contact with public, inappropriate interactions between a child and another child or adult	Adequate supervision Supervision Policy School Outing Policy 2018 Use of accredited venues, transport companies and personnel
Use of toilet/changing	Low	Inadequate supervision Slipping/Falling	Individual toilets School implements the Stay Safe Programme Supervision Policy Monitoring by all school personnel of toilets
Annual Sports Day	Med	Risk of harm by child by other child, risk of harm due to bullying, risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children, risk of harm to children with SEN with particular vulnerabilities, risk of injury due to variety of activities and apparatus, sunburn	Garda Vetting of all volunteers Thorough supervision and well-structured timetable Parents advised on appropriate dress and sun cream use Health and Safety Policy 2018
Fundraising events involving pupils	Low	Inadequate supervision	Limited to onsite events
Use of off-site facilities for school activities	Med	Traffic accidents, children injuring themselves, children getting lost, inadequate supervision, bullying of a child by another child, contact with public, inappropriate interactions between a child and another child or adult	Adequate supervision Supervision Policy School Outing Policy 2018 Use of accredited transport companies and personnel

School transport arrangements for outings and sports events	Low	Traffic accidents, children injuring themselves, inadequate supervision, bullying of a child by another child, contact with public, inappropriate interactions between a child and another child or adult	Adequate supervision Supervision Policy School Outing Policy 2018 Use of accredited transport companies and personnel
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Management of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint where required	Med	Harm to child and school staff	Code of Behaviour First Aid Policy 2018 Administration of Medicine Policy 2018 Physical Intervention Policy 2018
Administration of Medicine Administration of First Aid	Med	Harm to child while a child is receiving care, misuse of medicine	Administration of Medicine Policy 2018 First Aid Policy 2018
Curricular provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe	Low	Lack of awareness amongst school personnel of their responsibilities	Curriculum updated regularly. Policies updated regularly. All school personnel are provided with relevant policies.
Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils	High	Risk of harm due to bullying of child	Student surveys Code of Behaviour Implementation of the SPHE curriculum (Stay Safe, Walk Tall, etc.) DFL (Discipline for Learning) Anti-Bullying Policy Bubble Time Appropriate use of ICT Mobile phone policy/social media
Training of school personnel in child protection matters	Low	Not all personnel trained/non attendance	All school personnel provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement, The Child Protection Procedures for Primary Schools 2017 are made available to all school personnel. All school personnel to adhere to the procedures.
Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum	Low	Harm from one child to another, harm from external personnel	Garda vetting of external personnel, adequate supervision of students by class teacher.

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<p>Care of pupils with specific vulnerabilities/ needs such as</p> <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 Child Protection Notification System 	Med	Bullying of child by another child or member of staff.	The School's Anti Bullying Policy 2018 fully adheres to the requirements of the department's Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary Schools
<p>Recruitment of school personnel including -</p> <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 	Med	Harm not recognised or properly or promptly reported	<p>Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff</p> <p>Vetting Procedures</p>
Use of school premises by other organisation during school day and after school	Med	Harm to children, school personnel	<p>Organisations using our school are responsible for Garda vetting of their own personnel.</p> <p>All external personnel provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement, The Child Protection Procedures for Primary Schools 2017 are made available to all personnel. All external personnel to adhere to the procedures.</p>

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Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school	High	Bullying, pupils accessing inappropriate content, circulating inappropriate material. Harm to staff by pupils.	Internet - Acceptable Usage Policy 2018 Anti-Bullying Policy 2019 Code of Behaviour Mobile Phone Policy 2018 Supervision Policy
Use of video/photography/other media to record school events	Med	Inappropriate use of media	Internet - Acceptable Usage Policy 2018 Anti-Bullying Policy 2019 Code of Behaviour Mobile Phone Policy 2018 Supervision Policy

APPENDIX: Covid 19

- Please refer to Covid 19 Risk Assessment 2020 for all Covid related risks.
- Covid 19 related risks have been reviewed under the guidance of the document 'Reopening Our Schools: The Roadmap for the Full Return to School' published on 27th July 2020.

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 in October 2020. It will be reviewed as part of the school's annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

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Date: 19/10/20

Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed: Deirdre Gartland

Date: 19/10/20

Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management