



**Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment**  
**Written Assessment of Risk of Clonmoney NS**

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	Low	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 Table between teacher and pupil Glass in door
Care of Children with special needs, including intimate care needs	High	Harm by school personnel	Policy on intimate care Intimate Care & Toileting Policy
Toilet areas	High	Inappropriate behaviour	One girl and one boy from each class allowed in toilet at any time. Intimate Care & Toileting Policy; Review '18
Curricular Provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay safe.	Med	Non-teaching of same Risk of inappropriate communications between child and another child	School implements SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe in full
LGBT Children/Pupils perceived to be LGBT	Low	Bullying Risk of inappropriate communications between child and another child	Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour
Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils	Med	Harm from older pupils, adults on the playground that the pupils don't know	Arrival and dismissal supervised by Teachers Supervision Policy



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Managing of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint	Low	Injury to pupils and staff	Health & Safety Policy Code Of Behaviour
Sports Coaches	Low	Harm to pupils Risk of inappropriate communications between child and another adult	Policy & Procedures in place
Students & Student Teachers participating in work experience	Med	Harm by student Risk of inappropriate communications between child and another adult	Work experience Policy Vetting Procedures Child Safeguarding Statement.
Classroom teaching	Med	Harm not being recognised by school personnel Inadequate supervision of children	Code of Behaviour Rules and Procedures handbook
One-to-one teaching	High	Child being harmed by school personnel	School has policy in place for one to one teaching Table between teacher and pupil Glass in door
Outdoor teaching activities	Med	Inadequate supervision of children while attending outdoor activities Harm by other pupils	Code of Behaviour Health & Safety Policy
Sporting Activities	Med	Inadequate supervision of children while attending sporting activities Harm by other pupils Child being harmed by school personnel, a member of staff of another organisation or other person while child participating in out of school activities	Sports Code of Behaviour Code of Behaviour
School outings/Tours	High	Inadequate supervision of children while attending out of school activities Harm by other pupils Child being harmed by school personnel, a member of staff of another organisation or other person while child participating in out of school activities	Procedures in place for school outings Tour letter with rules etc. sent in advance. Code of Behaviour



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Annual Sports Day	High	Inadequate supervision of children in school activities Harm by other pupils Child being harmed by school personnel, a member of staff of another organisation or other person while child participating in outdoor school activities Risk of harm by other persons – circulating inappropriate material via social media, texting, digital device or other manner.	Code of Behaviour Supervision Policy Rules & Procedures for Sports Day
Fundraising events involving pupils		Inadequate supervision of children in school activities Harm by other pupils Child being harmed by school personnel, a member of staff of another organisation or other person while child participating in outdoor school activities Risk of harm by other persons – circulating inappropriate material via social media, texting, digital device or other manner.	Code of Behaviour Supervision Policy Action Plan on this event
School transport arrangements including use of bus escorts	Med	Child being harmed by school personnel, a member of staff of another organisation or other person while child participating in out of school activities Harm by other pupils	Code of Behaviour Supervision Policy
Administration of Medicine Administration of First Aid	Med	Child being harmed by school personnel	Office door to remain open when first aid is being administered Injured pupil to be accompanied by another pupil Nature of injury is recorded if deemed serious
Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils	Med	Risk of harm due to bullying of child Harm not being recognised by school personnel	Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour Supervision Policy
Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum	Low	Risk of harm by other persons	Procedures in place that teacher always remains with class during the visit



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<p>Care of pupils with specific vulnerabilities/ needs such as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pupils from ethnic minorities/migrants</li> <li>• Members of the Traveller community</li> <li>• Lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT) children</li> <li>• Pupils perceived to be LGBT</li> <li>• Pupils of minority religious faiths</li> <li>• Children in care</li> <li>• Children on CPNS</li> </ul>	Med	<p>Harm by other pupils                      Risk of harm due to bullying of child                      Harm not being recognised by school personnel</p>	<p>School implements in full the SPHE curriculum and Stay Safe Programme.                      Anti-Bullying Policy                      Code of Behaviour                      Supervision Policy</p>
<p>Recruitment of school personnel including -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teachers</li> <li>• SNA's</li> <li>• Caretaker/Secretary/Cleaners</li> <li>• Sports coaches</li> <li>• External Tutors/Guest Speakers</li> <li>• Volunteers/Parents in school activities</li> <li>• Visitors/contractors present in school during school hours</li> <li>• Visitors/contractors present during after school activities</li> </ul>	Low	<p>Harm not recognised or properly or promptly reported</p>	<p>Child Safeguarding Statement &amp; DES procedures made available to all staff</p> <p>Staff to view Tusla training module &amp; any other online training offered by PDST</p> <p>Vetting Procedures</p> <p>Policy of Parents / Volunteers</p> <p>Policy on Visiting Contractors</p>
<p>Use of school premises by other organisation during school day or after school use</p>	Med	<p>Inadequate supervision of children in school activities                      Harm by other pupils                      Child being harmed by other persons</p>	<p>Child Safeguarding Statement &amp; DES procedures made available to all staff</p> <p>Vetting Procedures</p>



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Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school	High	Cyber-Bullying Inadequate supervision of children in school activities Risk of harm by other pupils – circulating inappropriate material via social media, texting, digital device or other manner.	ICT policy Acceptable Use 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	Inadequate supervision of children in school activities Harm by other pupils	Code of Behaviour Supervision Policy
Use of video/photography/other media to record school events	High	Risk of harm by other persons – circulating inappropriate material via social media, texting, digital device or other manner.	ICT & Acceptable Use Policy Communication with Parents Designated Photographers used by school for events
Swimming	High	Risk of harm by other persons Inadequate supervision of children during out of school activities Risk of harm in coaching situation	Swimming Policy in place.

**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 on **16<sup>th</sup> January 2019**. It will be reviewed as part of the school’s annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date **16<sup>th</sup> January 2019** Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date **16<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**Chairperson, Board of Management**

**Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management**