

## Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment

*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:*

<b>School Name</b>	<b>Coláiste Chú Chulainn</b>
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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 2017

#### 1. List of School Activities

• Classroom instruction
• Educational Tours in Ireland and internationally
• Overnight Tours in Ireland and abroad.
• Sports training and matches
• Lunch time and after school clubs and societies
• Voluntary Charity activities
• Awards and Presentations
• Concerts / Drama rehearsals and performances
• Counselling sessions
• Parent Teacher meetings
• Online communication re teaching learning and assessment

#### 2. The school has identified the following risk of harm in respect of its activities

• Cyberbullying
• Exposure to non-vetted adults from external organisations
• Emotional abuse in the school environment
• Substance Misuse
• Adults collecting students
• Visiting sports teams
• Vulnerability in relation to changing for sports
• Conditions for one to one meetings

**3. The school has the following procedures in place to address the risks of harm identified in this assessment**



• Staff completed Child Protection Training
• Staff completed Health & safety Training
• Staff are Garda Vetted
• Multiple staff attend on overnight activities
• Supervision provided on lunchtime and afterschool activities
• Student training relating to online activity

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.

**The Board of Management has completed this Risk Assessment on**

24<sup>th</sup> August 2020

**This Risk Assessment shall be reviewed as part of the school's Annual Review of its Child Safeguarding Statement**

<p><b>Signed:</b></p>  <p><b>Gerard McGuill</b></p>	<p><b>Chairperson Board of Management</b></p>	<p><b>Date:</b> 24<sup>th</sup> August 2020</p>
<p><b>Signed:</b></p>  <p><b>Thomas Sharkey</b></p>	<p><b>Principal/Secretary Board of Management</b></p>	<p><b>Date</b> 24<sup>th</sup> August 2020</p>

## Child Safeguarding Statement Checklist for Review

The Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017 require that the Board of Management must undertake a review of its Child Safeguarding Statement and that the following checklist shall be used for this purpose. The review must be completed every year or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the Child Safeguarding Statement refers. Undertaking an annual review will ensure that a school also meets its statutory obligation under section 11(8) of the Children First Act 2015, to review its Child Safeguarding Statement every two years.

The checklist is designed as an aid to conducting this review and is not intended as an exhaustive list of the issues to be considered. Individual Boards of Management shall include other items in the checklist that are of relevance to the school in question.

As part of the overall review process, Boards of Management should also assess relevant school policies, procedures, practices and activities vis a vis their adherence to the principles of best practice in child protection and welfare as set out in the school's Child Safeguarding Statement, the Children First Act 2015 and the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017.

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	Yes	No
1. Has the Board formally adopted a Child Safeguarding Statement in accordance with the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017?	X	
2. As part of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement, has the Board formally adopted, without modification, the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017?	X	
3. Does the school's Child Safeguarding Statement include a written assessment of risk as required under the Children First Act 2015?	X	
4. Has the Board reviewed and updated where necessary the written assessment of risk as part of this overall review?	X	
5. Has the DLP attended available Child Protection training?	X	
6. Has the Deputy DLP attended available Child Protection training?	X	
7. Have any members of the Board attended Child Protection training?	X	
8. Are there both a DLP and Deputy DLP currently appointed?	X	
9. Are the relevant contact details (Tusla and An Garda Síochana) to hand?	X	
10. Has the Board arrangements in place to communicate the schools Child Safeguarding Statement to new school personnel?	X	
11. Is the Board satisfied that all school personnel have been made aware of their responsibilities under the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017 and the Children First Act 2015?	X	



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12. Has the Board received a Principal's Child Protection Oversight Report at each Board meeting held since the last review was undertaken?	X	
13. Since the Board's last review, was the Board informed of any child protection reports made to Tusla/An Garda Síochana by the DLP?	X	
14. Since the Board's last review, was the Board informed of any cases where the DLP sought advice from Tusla/and as a result of this advice, no report to the HSE was made?	X	
15. Since the Board's last review, was the Board informed of any cases where an allegation of abuse or neglect was made against any member of school personnel?		X
16. Has the Board been provided with and reviewed all documents relevant to the Principal's Child Protection Oversight report?	X	
17. Is the Board satisfied that the child protection procedures in relation to the making of reports to Tusla/An Garda Síochana were appropriately followed in each case reviewed?	X	
18. Is the Board satisfied that, since the last review, all appropriate actions are being or have been taken in respect of any member of school personnel against whom an allegation of abuse or neglect has been made?*	NA	
19. Were child protection matters reported to the Board appropriately recorded in the Board minutes?	X	
20. Is the Board satisfied that all records relating to child protection are appropriately filed and stored securely?	X	
21. Has the Board been notified by any parent in relation to that parent not receiving the standard notification required under Section 5.6 of the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017?		X
22. In relation to any cases identified at question 21 above, has the Board ensured that any notifications required Section 5.6 of the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017 were subsequently issued by the DLP?	NA	
23. Has the Board ensured that the Parents' Association (if any), has been provided with the school's Child Safeguarding Statement?	X	
24. Has the Board ensured that the patron has been provided with the school's Child Safeguarding Statement?	X	
25. Has the Board ensured that the school's Child Safeguarding Statement is available to parents on request?	X	
26. Has the Board ensured that the Stay Safe Programme is implemented in full in the school? (applies to primary schools)	NA	
27. Has the Board ensured that the Wellbeing Programme for Junior Cycle students is implemented in full in the school? (applies to post primary schools)	X	
28. Has the Board ensured that the SPHE curriculum is implemented in full in the school?	X	
29. Is the Board satisfied that the statutory requirements for Garda Vetting have been met in respect of all school personnel (employees and volunteers)?*	X	
30. Is the Board satisfied that the Department's requirements in relation to the provision of a child protection related statutory declaration and associated form of undertaking have been met in respect of persons appointed to teaching and non teaching positions?*	X	
31. Is the Board satisfied that, from a child protection perspective, thorough recruitment and selection procedures are applied by the school in relation to all school personnel (employees and volunteers)?*	X	



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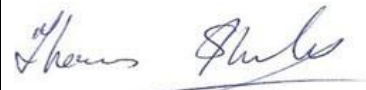


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32. Has the Board considered and addressed any complaints or suggestions for improvements regarding the school's Child Safeguarding Statement?	X	
33. Has the Board sought the feedback of parents in relation to the school's compliance with the requirements of the child safeguarding requirements of the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017?		X
34. Has the Board sought the feedback of pupils in relation to the school's child safeguarding arrangements?		X
35. Is the Board satisfied that the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017 are being fully and adequately implemented by the school?	X	
36. Has the Board identified any aspects of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement and/or its implementation that require further improvement?		X
37. Has the Board put in place an action plan containing appropriate timelines to address those aspects of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement and/or its implementation that have been identified as requiring further improvement?	NA	
38. Has the Board ensured that any areas for improvement that were identified in any previous review of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement have been adequately addressed?	NA	

**This Review of the Child Safeguarding Statement was carried out and adopted by the Board of Management at its meeting on**

24<sup>th</sup> August 2020

<b>Signed:</b>  <b>Gerard McGuill</b>	<b>Chairperson</b>  <b>Board of Management</b>	<b>Date:</b> 24 <sup>th</sup> August 2020
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