



Written Assessment of Risk of Ballycurrane NS

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 revised 2023*, the following is the Written Risk Assessment of Ballycurrane NS

1. List of school activities

1. Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils
2. Recreation Breaks
3. Classroom Teaching
4. One to One Teaching
5. Outdoor Teaching/Sporting Activities
6. School Outings
7. Off site facilities
8. School Transport
9. Care of children with special needs, including intimate care where needed.
10. Management of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint where required.
11. Prevention & dealing with bullying amongst pupils
12. Curricular provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe & Making The Links
13. Religious Sacrament Preparation
14. Training of school personnel in child protection matters
15. Sanctions/Punishments
16. Annual Sports Day
17. Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum
18. Administration of First Aid
19. Student participating in work experience in the school
20. Use of photography or video.
21. Care of pupils with specific vulnerabilities/needs such as
 - Pupils from ethnic minorities/migrants
 - Members of the Traveller community
 - Lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT) children
 - Pupils perceived to b LGBT
 - Pupils of minority religious faiths

- Children in care
 - Children on CPNS
 - Children with medical needs
- 23 Recruitment of school personnel including –
- 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
- 24 Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school including social media
- 25 Application of sanctions under the school's Code of Behaviour including detention of pupils, confiscation of phones etc.
- 26 Student teachers undertaking training placement in school.
27. Use of video/photography/other media to record school events.

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

1. Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel
2. Risk of harm not being reported properly & promptly by school personnel
3. Risk of child being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel
4. Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child
5. Risk of child being harmed in the school by volunteer or visitor to the school
6. Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel, a member of staff of another organisation or other person while child participating in out of school activities e.g. school trip, swimming lessons etc
7. Risk of harm due to inappropriate use of online remote teaching and learning communication platform such as uninvited person accessing the lesson link, students being left unsupervised for long periods of time in breakout rooms
8. Risk of harm due to bullying of child
9. Risk of harm due to racism
10. Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children in school
11. Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children while attending out of school activities
12. Risk of harm due to inappropriate relationship/communications between child and another child or adult.
13. Risk of harm due to children inappropriately accessing/using computers social media, phones and other devices while at school
14. Risk of harm to children with SEN who have particular vulnerabilities, including medical vulnerabilities.
15. Risk of harm to child while a child is receiving intimate care
16. Risk of harm due to inadequate code of behaviour
17. Risk of harm in one-to-one teaching, counselling, coaching situation.
18. Risk of harm caused by member of school personnel communicating with pupils in an inappropriate manner via social media, texting, digital device or other manner
19. Risk of harm caused by member of school personnel accessing/circulating inappropriate material via social media, texting, digital device or other manner
20. Risk of harm in playground - animal waste, broken glass, tree stumps

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

- All School personnel are provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding statement
- The Child Protection Procedures for Primary & Post Primary Schools revised 2023 are made available to all school personnel.
- School Personnel are required to adhere to the Child Protection Procedures for Primary & Post Primary Schools revised 2023 and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the Children First Act 2015 and its Addendum (2019).
- All staff expected to comply with the Teaching Councils Code of Conduct <https://www.teachingcouncil.ie/en/publications/fitness-to-teach/code-of-professional-conduct-for-teachers1.pdf>
All staff have viewed & completed assesment of Tusla Training Module & PDST online training.
- BoM will record all records of staff & BoM training.
- All teachers, SNA's, Secretary, Coaches, Music Teachers, Substitute Teachers Garda Vetted & employed following correct BoM recruitment procedures.

- Desk between teacher & pupil when possible
- Group teaching is preferable when possible.
- Children only allowed into toilet one at a time following permission from teacher.
- Letter/Email sent to parents every year to remind them not to drop children to school Before 9.10am.
- Junior & Senior Infants walked to gate & only dismissed when parents arrive.
- First to 6th Classes are walked to front gate by their teachers, where parents/ guardians/bus collect them.
- Teacher & SNA on duty at all times during breaks. Pupils will not be allowed to enter the school unless they need the toilet.
- Classes play in their designate areas.
- Code of Behaviour Policy applies.
- School implements SPHE, RSE & Stay Safe in full.
- Cameras on front door, front door locked at all times, intercom is used.
- Anti-bullying and Code of Behaviour Policies.
- All sport coaches must show proof of vetting to the Principal before coaching session begins.
- Copy of vetting of sports coaches is kept in the vetting folder in office.
- Teacher always present with sports coaches.
- Teacher accompanies pupils to & from Aura Leisure Centre & observe lessons.
- Children use appropriate changing facilities.
- Aura Leisure Centre provide school with Child Protection Policy.
- Permission sought from parents to photograph & record children for publication in local newspaper, school newsletter, & school website where applicable.
- Data Protection Policy
- Parents will be asked not to publish photographs of other children at school events On social media websites reminder to be sent out before all school events e.g. Christmas Play, Sports Day etc.
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Internet & Acceptable Use Policy.
- Mobile Phones are prohibited in school.
- Safer Internet Day.
- Students on work experience must be Garda vetted by their school or college And a copy kept in the vetting folder in the office.
- Students will not be left alone with pupils.
- All staff members have First Aid Training
- All priests conducting religious ceremonies are Garda Vetted.
- Visitors Book to be signed by everyone entering the school.
- School yard checked by staff regularly for rubbish, animal waste, broken glass etc

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 revised 2023*

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. It shall be reviewed as part of the school’s annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

Signed _____ Date _____

Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed _____ Date _____

Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management