Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment

Written Assessment of Risk of Kildangan National School (Roll No: 18675I)

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 PostPrimary Schools (revised 2023)*, the following is the Written Risk Assessment of Kildangan NS.

The school has identified the following risk of harm in respect of its activities and the procedures in place to address the risks of harm identified:

1. List of school activities:	2. The school has identified the following risk of harm in respect of its activities –	3. The school has the following procedures in place to address the risks of harm identified in this assessment -
1.Daily Arrival of Students	➢ Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision (neglect) of children in the school ➢ Risk of harm from unknown adults around the school ➢ Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child ➢ Risk of harm due to bullying of child	✓ Supervision Policy ✓ Regular notice in school newsletter of arrival procedures ✓ Health & Safety Policy ✓ Code of Behaviour & Anti-Bullying Policy ✓ All personnel provided with copy of school's Child Safeguarding Statement ✓ All school personnel required to adhere to Child Protection Procedures for Primary & Post Primary Schools (revised 2023)
2.Classroom Teaching	➢ Risk of child being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel ➢ Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child	✓ Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers ✓ Supervision Policy ✓ Garda Vetting Procedures ✓ Code of Behaviour & Anti-Bullying Policy

		✓ School complies with agreed disciplinary procedures for teaching staff
3.Small Group Teaching	➤ Risk of child being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel ➤ Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child	✓ Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers ✓ Supervision Policy ✓ Garda Vetting Procedures ✓ Code of Behaviour & Anti-Bullying Policy
4.One-to-One Teaching	➤ Risk of child being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel	✓ School's SEN Policy ✓ Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers ✓ Supervision Policy ✓ Garda Vetting Procedures
5.Recreation breaks for students	➤ Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children in the school ➤ Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child ➤ Risk of harm due to bullying of child	✓ Supervision Policy ✓ Health & Safety Policy ✓ Code of Behaviour & Anti-Bullying Policy
6.Daily Dismissal of Students	➤ Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children in the school ➤ Risk of harm due to bullying of child ➤ Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child ➤ Risk of harm from unknown adults around the playground	✓ Supervision Policy ✓ Late Collection Procedure ✓ Health & Safety Policy ✓ Code of Behaviour & Anti-Bullying Policy ✓ Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers
7.After School use of school premises by individual teachers/other organizations	➤ Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel ➤ Risk of child being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel ➤ Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child ➤ Risk of harm from unknown adults around the school	✓ Supervision Policy ✓ Garda Vetting Procedures ✓ Health & Safety Policy ✓ Code of Behaviour & Anti-Bullying Policy

8.One-to-One Counselling/Discussion with a Teacher	➢ Risk of child being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel	✓ Supervision Policy ✓ Garda Vetting Procedures
9.Use of toilets/changing areas	➢ Risk of harm due to bullying of child ➢ Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child	✓ Code of Behaviour & Anti-Bullying Policy
10.Care of children with SEN, including intimate care	➢ Risk of harm to child while a child is receiving intimate care ➢ Risk of child being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel	✓ Supervision Policy ✓ School's Intimate Care Policy ✓ School's SEN Policy ✓ School's Care Team

11. Care of students with specific vulnerabilities/needs such as:
   • Children from ethnic minorities/migrants/minority religions
   • Members of the Travelling community
   • Students perceived to be LGBT
   • Children in care
   • Children on CPNS
	➢ Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child
	
	➢ Risk of harm due to bullying of child
	
	➢ Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel
		✓ Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers
		✓ Code of Behaviour & Anti-Bullying Policy

12. Outdoor Teaching Activities	➢ Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child ➢ Risk of harm due to bullying of child ➢ Risk of child being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel	✓ Supervision Policy ✓ Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers ✓ Code of Behaviour & Anti-Bullying Policy
13 Teaching activities in multi-purpose	➢ Risk of child being harmed in the school by	✓ Supervision Policy

	another child	
room (Aistear/Computers)	➢ Risk of harm due to bullying of child ➢ Risk of child being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel ➢ Risk of harm due to children inappropriately accessing/using computers, social media, phones and other devices while at school	✓ Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers ✓ Code of Behaviour & Anti-Bullying Policy
14. School Tours/Outings	➢ Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children while attending out-of-school activities ➢ Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child ➢ Risk of harm due to bullying of child ➢ Risk of child being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel ➢ Risk of harm due to children inappropriately accessing/using computers, social media, phones and other devices while at school	✓ Supervision Policy ✓ Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers ✓ Code of Behaviour & Anti-Bullying Policy ✓ School's Mobile Phone Policy
15. Swimming Lessons in local pool (review amendment 2023)	➢ Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children while attending out-of-school activities ➢ Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child ➢ Risk of harm due to bullying of child	✓ Supervision Policy (updated June 2023) ✓ Code of Behaviour & Anti-Bullying Policy ✓ School Swimming Policy (updated May 2023)
16 Going to play school matches	➢ Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children while attending out-of-school activities ➢ Risk of child being harmed in the school by	✓ Supervision Policy ✓ Garda Vetting Procedures ✓ Code of Behaviour & Anti-Bullying Policy

	another child ➤ Risk of harm due to bullying of child ➤ Risk of child being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel ➤ Risk of child being harmed in the school by volunteer or visitor to the school	
17 Use of off-site facilities for school activites (GAA pitch, Kildangan Hall)	➤ Risk of child being harmed by another child ➤ Risk of child being harmed by unauthorized adult ➤ Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision ➤ Risk of harm due to bullying of child ➤ Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel	✓ Supervision Policy ✓ Strict controls and protocols for bringing children off site. ✓ Keep children on site and in controlled environment, where possible ✓ Code of Behaviour & Anti-Bullying Policy
18 Administration of Medicine	➤ Risk of child being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel	✓ Administration of Medicines Policy ✓ Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers
19Administration of First Aid	➤ Risk of child being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel	✓ Health & Safety Policy ✓ School's Procedures for administration of First Aid ✓ Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers ✓
20 Curricular provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe	➤ Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel	✓ SPHE Whole-School Plan (updated May 2023) ✓ RSE Policy (updated May 2023) ✓ School implements fully the Stay Safe Programme ✓ Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers ✓ School maintains records of all teacher cpd in SPHE

21 Prevention & dealing with bullying amongst students	➢ Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel	✓ Anti-Bullying Policy ✓ Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers ✓ Staff Training in Anti-Bullying Strategies & Procedures
22 Application of sanctions under the school's Code of Behaviour including detention of students, confiscation of phones etc.	➢ Risk of child being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel	✓ Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers ✓ Code of Behaviour & Anti-Bullying Policy ✓ Mobile Phone Policy
23 Training of school personnel in child protection matters	➢ Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel ➢ Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by school personnel	✓ Child Protection Policy (Safeguarding Statement & Risk Assessment) ✓ Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers ✓ All personnel provided with copy of DES Child Protection Procedures ✓ School maintains records of all staff and board member training in Child Protection (Tusla E-Learning Course, PDST E-Learning Course, DLP/DDLP Face to Face Training PDST)
24 Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum	➢ Risk of child being harmed in the school by volunteer or visitor to the school	✓ Supervision Policy ✓ Garda Vetting Procedures ✓ School Procedures for Volunteers
25 Use of external personnel (sports coaches/music teachers) to support sports and extra-curricular activities	➢ Risk of child being harmed in the school by volunteer or visitor to the school	✓ Supervision Policy ✓ Garda Vetting Procedures ✓ External Coach Policy
26 Recruitment of school personnel: • Teachers/SNAs • Secretary/Caretaker/Cleaner • Volunteers/Parents in school activities	➢ Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel ➢ Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by school personnel	✓ Garda Vetting Procedures ✓ Recruitment Protocols ✓ Checking of references ✓ Training in Child Protection ✓ All personnel provided with copy of

• Visitors/Contractors present during school hours/after-school activities		school's Child Safeguarding Statement ✓ All school personnel required to adhere to Child Protection Procedures for Primary & Post Primary Schools 2017
27. Students participating in Work Experience in the school	➢ Risk of harm due to inappropriate relationship/communications between child and another child or an adult	✓ Supervision Policy ✓ Garda Vetting Procedures ✓ School's Work Experience Protocols & Contract
28. Student teachers undertaking training placement in school	➢ Risk of harm due to inappropriate relationship/communications between child and another child or an adult	✓ Supervision Policy ✓ Garda Vetting Procedures ✓ Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers ✓ School's Work Experience Protocols & Contract
29. Use of Information and Communication Technology by students in school	➢ Risk of harm due to children inappropriately accessing/using computers, social media, phones and other devices while at school	✓ Acceptable Usage Policy ✓ Mobile Phone Policy ✓ Code of Behaviour & Anti-Bullying Policy
30. Use of video/photography/other media to record school events	➢ Risk of harm due to bullying of child	✓ Acceptable Usage Policy ✓ Mobile Phone Policy ✓ Data Protection Policy
31. Whole-School Assembly	➢ Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child ➢ Risk of harm due to bullying of child	✓ Supervision Policy ✓ Code of Behaviour & Anti-Bullying Policy
32.School Mass	➢ Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children in the church ➢ Risk of harm from unknown adults around the church ➢ Risk of child being harmed in the church by another child ➢ Risk of harm due to bullying of child	✓ Supervision Policy ✓ Code of Behaviour & Anti-Bullying Policy ✓ Parish Safeguarding Measures for Volunteers working in the Church

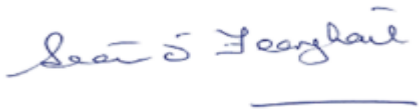|		
33. Choir Practice	➢ Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child ➢ Risk of harm due to bullying of child	✓ Supervision Policy ✓ Code of Behaviour & Anti-Bullying Policy
34. Students participating on school committees (Green Schools, Student Council, Wellbeing Team)	➢ Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child ➢ Risk of harm due to bullying of child	✓ Code of Behaviour & Anti-Bullying Policy
35. Students helping at break time	➢ Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child ➢ Risk of harm due to bullying of child	✓ Code of Behaviour & Anti-Bullying Policy
36. Classes Split Up (Teacher Absence)	➢ Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child ➢ Risk of harm due to bullying of child	✓ Supervision Policy ✓ Code of Behaviour & Anti-Bullying Policy
37. Children serving mass (Review Amendment 2019)	➢ Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children while walking to the church and in the church ➢ Risk of harm from unknown adults around the church ➢ Risk of child being harmed in the church by another child ➢ Risk of harm due to bullying of child	✓ Parental Consent (via Aladdin) for child to serve at a mass during school hours ✓ School secretary will walk children over and hand over to a trusted adult (ie. Ber/Mary from the Parish Office) ✓ Ber/Mary to accompany children back to the school. ✓ Code of Behaviour ✓ Anti-Bullying Policy
38. Live remote teaching/learning (Review Amendment 2020)	➢ Risk of harm due to children inappropriately using computers, social media, phones and other devices while engaged in live Zoom calls with teacher & classmates ➢ Risk of harm due to inappropriate relationship/communications between child	✓ Distance Learning Acceptable Usage Policy June 2020 ✓ Code of Behaviour ✓ Teaching Council Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers ✓ Anti-Bullying Policy

	and another child or teacher ➢ Risk of harm due to bullying of child	
39. Care of children with special educational needs, including intimate care in Special Class setting for Children with ASD	➢ Risk of child being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel ➢ Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child	✓ Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers ✓ Supervision Policy ✓ Intimate Care Policy ✓ SEN Policy ✓ SNA Policy ✓ Garda Vetting Procedures ✓ Code of Behaviour & Anti-Bullying Policy ✓ School complies with agreed disciplinary procedures for teaching staff ✓ Encouragement of relevant staff to avail of appropriate training ✓ All personnel provided with copy of school's Child Safeguarding Statement ✓ All school personnel required to adhere to Child Protection Procedures for Primary & Post Primary Schools (revised 2023)
40. School transport arrangements including use of bus escorts	➢ Risk of child being harmed on the bus by another child ➢ Risk of harm due to bullying of child ➢ Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel	✓ Bus Escort Policy ✓ Code of Behaviour & Anti-Bullying Policy ✓ All personnel provided with copy of school's Child Safeguarding Statement ✓ All school personnel required to adhere to Child Protection Procedures for Primary & Post Primary Schools (revised 2023)
41. Management of challenging behaviour amongst pupils	➢ Risk of child being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel	✓ Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers

	➤ Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child	✓ Supervision Policy ✓ Intimate Care Policy ✓ SEN Policy ✓ SNA Policy ✓ Garda Vetting Procedures ✓ Code of Behaviour & Anti-Bullying Policy ✓ School complies with agreed disciplinary procedures for teaching staff ✓ Encouragement of relevant staff to avail of appropriate training (Managing Behaviours of Concern, CPI MAPA Training) ✓ All personnel provided with copy of school's Child Safeguarding Statement ✓ All school personnel required to adhere to Child Protection Procedures for Primary & Post Primary Schools (revised 2023) ✓ Positive Handling Policy (in process of formulation October 2023)

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 no 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 was first adopted and ratified by the Board of Management on 5th March 2018. It undergoes an annual review as part of the school's Child Safeguarding Policy.

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Chairperson, Board of Management   Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management

Appendix: List of School Activities

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