



St Beacons NS

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Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment (of any potential harm) Appendix 1

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List of School Activities	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	Harm not recognised or reported promptly	Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff DLP& DDLP attended PDST face to face training (2018) and again in October 2019 All Staff viewed Túsla training module & any other online training offered by PDST (2018 complete) BOM records all records of staff and board training
One to one teaching	Harm by school personnel	School has policy in place for one to one teaching Open doors Table between teacher and pupil Glass in window
Care of Children with special needs, including intimate care needs	Harm by school personnel	Policy on intimate care in place
Toilet areas Junior Infant Room Disabled Toilet	Inappropriate behaviour	Usage and supervision policy in place
Curricular Provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay safe.	Non-teaching of same	School implements SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe in full
LGBT Children/Pupils perceived to be LGBT	Bullying	Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour
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Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils	Harm from older pupils, unknown adults on the playground or in the public car park next to the school. Flight risk for some pupils	Supervision by Teachers and SNA from 8.50 a.m. Supervision by SNA at break times Adequate Supervision at break times DISMISSAL PROCEDURES – Bus, car and pedestrian
Managing of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint	Injury to pupils and staff	Health & Safety Policy Code Of Behaviour
Sports Coaches	Tutors behaving inappropriately Tutors lacking awareness of child safety issues Harm to pupils	Policy & Procedures in place Visiting tutors from reputable organisations with appropriate vetting Sign in/Sign out Teacher always present with coaches
Students participating in work experience	Harm by student	Work experience Policy Child Safeguarding Statement.
Recreation breaks for pupils	Harm by Students Harm to Pupils	Supervision Policy Code of Behaviour Policy
Classroom teaching	Injury Supervision	Health and Safety Policy Supervision Policy
One-to-one teaching	Tutors behaving inappropriately Tutors lacking awareness of child safety issues Harm to pupils	Policy & Procedures in place Visiting tutors from reputable organisations with appropriate vetting Children not left unattended
Outdoor teaching activities	Injuries Adequate supervision	Health and Safety Policy Code of Behaviour Policy Supervision Policy
Sporting Activities	Access to pupils by strangers. Inappropriate activity by pupils Dangers posed by unfamiliar environment Injury Supervision Potential for unsupervised times in changing areas	Proper Instruction Use of Equipment Adequate planning and staff preparation by staff Code of Behaviour Policy Supervision Policy Health and Safety Policy School Outing Policy Trained lifeguards in the pool

Homework club/evening study		
Breakfast club		
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School outings	Access to pupils by strangers. Inappropriate activity by pupils Dangers posed by unfamiliar environment Injury Supervision Potential for unsupervised times in changing areas	Adequate supervision Adequate planning and staff preparation by staff Code of Behaviour Policy Supervision Policy Health and Safety Policy School Outing Policy Trained lifeguards in the pool
School trips involving overnight stay		
School trips involving foreign travel		
Use of toilet/changing areas in schools	Access to pupils by strangers. Inappropriate activity by pupils Dangers posed by unfamiliar environment Injury Supervision Potential for unsupervised times in changing areas	Adequate supervision Adequate planning and staff preparation by staff Code of Behaviour Policy Supervision Policy Health and Safety Policy School Outing Policy Trained lifeguards in the pool
Provision of residential facilities for boarders		
Annual Sports Day	Inappropriate Behaviour	Securing the school grounds Adequate supervision by teachers and SNA
Fundraising events involving pupils	Harm by visitors Harm by older pupils Unknown Adults	Code of Behaviour Policy Health and Safety Policy

	Harm to Staff	
Use of off-site facilities for school activities	Access to pupils by strangers. Inappropriate activity by pupils Dangers posed by unfamiliar environment Injury Supervision Potential for unsupervised times in changing areas	Adequate supervision Adequate planning and staff preparation Code of Behaviour Policy Supervision Policy Health and Safety Policy School Outing Policy Trained lifeguards in the pool
School transport arrangements including use of bus escorts	Inappropriate Behaviour Health and Safety	School Transports pupils to and from the school only Adequate notification on arrival times
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Care of any vulnerable adult students, including intimate care where needed		
Management of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint where required	Harm to pupils and staff	Health and Safety Policy Provide suitable training for staff when required
Administration of Medicine Administration of First Aid	Harm to Pupils	Code of Behaviour Policy First Administration of Medicine
Curricular provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe	Harm not recognised or reported promptly Tutors behaving inappropriately Tutors lacking awareness of child safety issues Inadequate training by school staff	Visual Policy Identification of Special Needs Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff DLP& DDLP attended PDST face to face training (2018)

		All Staff viewed Túsla training module & any other online training offered by PDST (2018 complete) BOM records all records of staff and board training First Aid Kit Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour Policy
Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils	Harm to Pupils Harm to Staff	
Training of school personnel in child protection matters	Harm not recognised or reported promptly	Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff DLP& DDLP attended PDST face to face training (2018) and updated October 2019 All Staff viewed Túsla training module & any other online training offered by PDST (2018 complete)
Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum	Harm to Pupils	BOM records all records of staff and board training Adequate Teacher Supervision Health and Safety Policy Supervision Policy Anti-Bullying Policy Implementation of RSE, Stay Safe
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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 be LGBT • Pupils of minority religious faiths • Children in care • Children on CPNS	Harm to Pupils Harm to Staff Bullying Abduction Inappropriate Behaviour	Health and Safety Policy Supervision Policy Anti-Bullying Policy Implementation of RSE, Stay Safe

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	Harm not recognised or properly or promptly reported Inappropriate behaviour Potential for bullying Potential for grooming of pupils Lack of awareness of child safety issues	Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff Staff to view Tusla training module & any other online training offered by PDST Vetting Procedures Sign in/Sign in Policy of Parents / Volunteers Policy on Visiting Contractors
Use of school premises by other organisation during school day		
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Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school	Potential for bullying Potential for grooming of pupils	ICT policy Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour Information sessions for pupils, parents and staff Mobile phones not allowed on school premises Regular guest speakers regarding online safety.
Application of sanctions under the school's Code of Behaviour including detention of pupils, confiscation of phones etc.	Inappropriate activity by pupils Injury Supervision Potential for unsupervised times	ICT policy Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour Information sessions for pupils, parents and staff Mobile phones not allowed on school premises
Students participating in work experience in the school	Potential for bullying Potential for grooming of pupils	ICT policy Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour Information sessions for T Y co-ordinators and TY students Policy on TY placements Mobile phones not allowed on school premises

Student teachers undertaking training placement in school SNA's undertaking training placement in school	Potential for bullying Potential for grooming of pupils	ICT policy Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour Information sessions for student teachers Policy on student teacher placements
Use of video/photography/other media to record school events	Potential for bullying Potential for grooming of pupils	ICT policy Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour Information sessions for pupils, parents and staff Mobile phones not allowed on school premises Strict guidelines for local G.A.A. clubs Insurance certificate to be provided each calendar year for BOM.
After school use of school premises by other organisations	Potential for bullying Potential for grooming of pupils.	
Social Media	Potential for bullying Potential for grooming of pupils Unauthorised use of mobile devices	ICT policy Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour Information sessions for pupils, parents and staff Mobile phones/devices not allowed on school premises

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 29/1/2018. It will be reviewed as part of the school's annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

Latest review by Board of Management meeting on 4th October 2023 - to include new Child Protection Template as per latest guidelines

Signed  Date 4.10.23

Chairperson, Board of Management

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Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management