

Written Assessment of Risk of Scoil Naomh Bríde, Blackwater.

Scoil Naomh Bríde

Blackwater, Enniscorthy, Co Wexford

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 Scoil Naomh Bríde Blackwater.

The following mandatory policies are in place in the school and underpin Child Protection in our school. This risk assessment fleshes out other steps which the school has taken to protect children:

- Child Safe-guarding Statement
- Anti- Bullying Policy
- Health & Safety Statement
- DES Procedures
- Protected Disclosures Policy
- Critical Incident Management Policy
- SPHE Policy including Stay Safe, Walk Tall & RSE
- Garda Vetting Policy
- Code of Behaviour

School Activity	Risk Level	The School has identified the following Risk of Harm	The School has the following further procedures in place to address risk identified in this assessment
Training of school personnel in Child Protection matters	High	Harm not recognised or reported promptly	<p>DLP & DDLP to attend PDST face to face training</p> <p>All Staff to view Tusla training module & any other online training offered by PDST</p> <p>BOM records all records of staff and board training</p>
One to one teaching	Low	Harm by school personnel False accusations	<p>It is the policy in this school that one-to-one teaching is often in the best interest of the child</p> <p>Every effort will be made to ensure that this teaching takes place in an open environment</p> <p>Parents of children who are to be involved in one-to-one teaching will be informed and their agreement sought</p> <p>Work being carried out by Special Needs Assistants will be carried out under the direction of the class teacher in an open environment.</p> <p>One to one teaching is carried out in situations where there is glass in a window</p>
Care of children with special needs, including intimate care needs	High	Harm by school personnel	Policy on intimate care
Curricular Provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay safe.	Med	Non-teaching of same	School implements Stay Safe in full and aspects of SPHE and RSE
Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils	Med	Harm from older pupils, parents dropping off children	Arrival and dismissal supervised by Teachers
Managing of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint	Low	Injury to pupils and staff	Discipline Policy
Sports Coaches	Med	Harm to pupils	Policy & Procedures in place
Recreation breaks for pupils	Low	Harm by other students Flight Risk	Yard Supervision Rota in place. Incident Pack in the yard.

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Classroom teaching	Low	Harm by school staff	Comply with Teaching Council best practice Garda vetting/SEN Policy/SNA Policy
Outdoor teaching activities	High	Unfamiliar surroundings Wandering off. Child being approached by stranger	Children under teacher's supervision
Sporting Activities	High	Unfamiliar surroundings Privacy of the children not respected	Personnel in charge of school teams do not enter the changing rooms until all children are in their games attire. Personnel will remain outside the dressing room door within easy reach, should they be required.
School outings	High	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	Policy on Tours in place
Annual Sports' Day	High	Unfamiliar surroundings Adults and young people present	Pupils under Teachers'/SNAs' supervision
Use of off-site facilities for school activities	High	Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children while attending out of school activities 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	Staff who take classes swimming should make sure that there are two adults in attendance at all times. The dressing rooms and pool area should be supervised. Privacy of children whilst changing must be respected. Children are accompanied by a teacher when walking to/from the off-site facility.
School transport arrangements including use of bus escorts	Med	Bullying Inappropriate behaviour	Two adults on the bus: one teacher and the other must be Garda Vetted
School fundraising events involving	High	Risk of harm due to unknown adults	Supervision by teachers

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Administration of Medicine	High	Children in a vulnerable situation	Administered in a public place.
Administration of First Aid		Children in a vulnerable situation	Administration of Medicines' Policy
Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils	High	Bullying among school community	Administered in a public place. Anti Cyber Bullying Policy
Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum	High	New adults in the school	Garda Vetting. Teacher stays with the class.
School chaplain hearing confession in school	Med	Children in vulnerable situation	Garda vetting. Priest in open room, visible from inside and outside. Table between Chaplain and pupil
<i>Care of pupils with specific vulnerabilities/ needs such as</i>			
· Pupils from ethnic minorities/migrants		Exclusion	Enrolment Policy
·Members of Traveller Community		Discrimination	Anti-Bullying Policy
· Lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT) children	High		Code of Behaviour
· Pupils perceived to be LGBT			
· Pupils of minority religious faiths			
· Children in care			
· Children on CPNS			
Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school.	High	Inappropriate use of the internet Risk of harm due to children inappropriately accessing/using computers. Cyber-bullying	Internet Acceptable Use Policy
Application of sanctions under the school's Code of Behaviour including detention of pupils.	Med	Fair Procedures not being followed	Parental Complaints Procedure
Student teachers undertaking training placement in school	Med	New adults in the school	Garda vetting and insurance/Liaison with Teacher Training College

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Use of video/photography/other media to record school events	High	Parents videoing children and uploading same Videos being uploaded	Internet Acceptable Use Policy Reminder at events about social media
Recruitment of school personnel including - Teachers SNAs 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	High	Procedures for appointment not being followed.	Recruitment and Vetting Procedures Policy re Visiting Coaches/Teachers

A review of the Risk Assessment was carried out during March 2020 and additions were added, to date. The reviewed/revised Risk Assessment was ratified by the Board of Management at a meeting on June 10th 2020.

Signed: 
Chairperson B.O.M

Date: 10/6/2020