

Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment

Written Assessment of Risk of Holy Family Junior School

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 Holy Family Junior School.

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 -
Opening/Closing Times and Break Times	Access to pupils by strangers or other adults. Risk of harm from other pupils	Supervision by 4 Post holders and SNAs from 8.30 a.m. Adequate Supervision at break times
Visitors/Visiting Tutors	Tutors behaving inappropriately. Tutors lacking awareness of child safety issues.	Visiting tutors from reputable organisations with appropriate vetting. Sign in/Sign out Glass panels in doors.
School Tours/Outings	Access to pupils by strangers. Inappropriate activity by pupils. Dangers posed by unfamiliar environment	Adequate supervision Adequate planning and preparation by staff. School Tour policy followed
Access/Egress	Access to pupils by strangers or other adults. Flight risk for some pupils	Magnetic locks on main entrance doors. Other doors cannot be opened from outside without key Codes changed regularly. Gates locked at break time. Door to car park to remain locked. Visitors to wear lanyards.
Swimming Lessons/Sports Events	Potential for unsupervised times in changing areas. Access to pupils by strangers or other adults.	Adequate supervision provided. Trained lifeguards in pool
Social Media (Children)	Potential for bullying. Potential for grooming of pupils	Pupils' mobile phones handed to class teacher in the morning and returned at end of school day.

		Anti-Bullying Policy. Information sessions for pupils, parents and staff
School Breaks / Playground and unstructured activities	Potential for Bullying	Annual review of Anti-Bullying policy and procedures.
Intimate care of pupils (e.g. assistance with toileting, catheterisation etc)	Potential for unsupervised time with children	Clear policy and procedures for staff around intimate care and training where necessary.
Social Media (Adults)	Risk of harm caused by member of school personnel accessing / circulating inappropriate material	Robust firewall and network security system in place in the school. Clear policy for school personnel in the use of social media for personal purposes in school.
On-line teaching	Potential for sexual abuse, emotional abuse, grooming and peer-on-peer abuse.	Any online sessions will be provided by / monitored by the teacher. Any pre-recorded lessons will be made by / vetted by the teacher.

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 on 16.10.19. It shall be reviewed as part of the school’s annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

Signed: *John Byrne*

Date: 18.09.23

Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed: *Enda Hickey*

Date: 18.09.23

Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management