



St. Mochta's National School Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment (of any potential harm)

List of School Activities	Risk Level	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	High	Harm not recognised or reported promptly	Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff DLP& DDLP to attend PDST face to face training module All Staff has viewed PDST training BOM records all staff and board training
Recruitment of school personnel including teachers, SNAs, caretaker, secretaries, cleaners.	Med	Harm by school personnel	All staff recruited has current Garda vetting and must produce statutory declaration and form of undertaking. Train new staff in Child Protection
Visitors to the school during school hours	Med	Harm by visitor	Security access at main door. Access not granted beyond reception unless accompanied by staff member and wearing a visitor's badge.
Contractors working in school	Low	Harm by adult	All work undertaken after school hours during mid- term breaks or during holiday periods. All builders who are not Garda vetted are accompanied by caretaker during school days
Extra-curricular activities taking place after school hours	Med	Harm by adult	All tutors Garda vetted and produce Statutory Declaration.
Students/Student Teachers participating in work experience in the school	Low	Harm by student	Garda vetting in place for students over 16. Teacher always stay with Student Teachers Child Safeguarding Statement.



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Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils	Med	Harm from other pupils, unknown adults on the playground	Arrival and Dismissal Procedures – Rota of staff in place. Supervision Procedures Health & Safety Statement Wet day Supervision Procedures
Classroom teaching	Med	Harm by school personnel Harm by another pupil	All staff Garda vetted. Code of Behaviour & Anti-bullying Policy
Curricular Provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay safe.	Med	Non-teaching of same	School implements SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe in full. Communicated with home
Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils	High	Bullying Cyber bullying	Curricular areas SPHE, Stay Safe & RSE covered in all classes. Sean Fallon – Anti Bullying Campaign Anti-Bullying Policy
Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum	Low	Harm by adult	Teacher remains with class during this activity. All external tutors Garda vetted & produce statutory declaration.
Managing of challenging behaviour amongst pupils.	High	Injury to pupils and staff	Health & Safety Policy Code Of Behaviour Studio 3 Training – SNA's
Care of children with special needs, including intimate care needs	High	Harm by school personnel	Policy on intimate care Movement breaks
Toilet areas	High	Inappropriate behaviour	One child allowed to access toilet area at any one time in classroom. Permission must be sought from supervising teacher to access toilets from school playgrounds. One child to use toilet area at any one time.



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One to one teaching	Med	Harm by school personnel Children who are a flight risk	Glass panel in doors/open door when teaching Door stops keep the doors open
One to one situations e.g. main school office, Principal's office/Deputy Principal's Office	Med	Harm by school personnel	Door in principal's office left open. Children approach main office at hatch. When only one secretary in the office children who are awaiting collection remain seated in school foyer.
Recreation breaks for pupils	High	Injury to pupils/Bullying Harm not recognised or properly or promptly reported Wet days	Rota of staff in place – Vigilant yard supervision Code Of Behaviour Anti-Bullying Policy Stay Safe programme Teachers leave planned activities for children on wet days
Swimming Lessons	High	Risk of harm by adult/other personnel Bullying Risk of harm by another child Children going to bathroom Changing rooms	Children change in communal area/cubicles under teacher supervision. All staff Garda vetted. Supervision practices for swimming Education of children through SPHE, Stay Safe, RSE Information given to parents
Sporting Activities	High	Harm by adult or another child. Training on school premises, GAA, Soccer	All staff and external tutors Garda vetted. External tutors have produced statutory declaration. Code of Behaviour & Anti-bullying Policy in place. Teachers always present
Educational Trips/Matches	High	Harm to pupils/by adult, other personnel, other children Injury, bullying, bathroom, changing	Supervision procedures by staff (two teachers where possible) Buddy system Garda Vetted Parents and Support Staff



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Use of off-site facilities for school activities- (Church/Matches/Tours etc)	High	Harm by adult or child Toileting	All staff Garda vetted Pupils under supervision Code of Behaviour & Anti-bullying policy Supervision & toileting procedures
School transport arrangements	Med	Harm by adult or other child	Supervision by staff Code of Behaviour
Administration of First Aid/Medicine	Med	Harm to pupils	Classroom door left open. Blinds left up. Administration of Medication policy & Safety Statement. If child needs to remove an article of clothing they do so by themselves in the bathroom
Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school	High	Bullying Staff not following policies & procedures	ICT Acceptable use policy DoES & PDST filter Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour Stay Safe Programme
Use of video/photography/other media to record school events	Med	Harm to child through exposure on social media sites	Parents/Children are asked not to record plays/school events or take photos Staff taking photos of children should not be put on social media or shared by staff
Participation by pupils in religious ceremonies	Low	Harm by adult	Clergy & school staff. Garda vetted Children under staff supervision



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 reviewed by the Board of Management on **23rd March 2021**. It will be reviewed as part of the school’s annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

Signed

Chairperson, Board of Management

Date: 23rd March 2021

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Acting Principal/Secretary Board of Management

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