Scoil Mhuire gan Smal (C) August 2020

Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment
(of any potential harm)

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 to attend PDST face to face training All Staff to view Túsla E-Learning training module & any other online training offered by PDST 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 panel in door
Care of Children with special needs, including intimate care needs	Harm by school personnel	Policy on Intimate Care
Toilet areas	Inappropriate behaviour	Supervision Policy Code of Behaviour Anti Bullying Policy
Curricular Provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay safe.	Non-teaching of same	School implements SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe in full SPHE Curricular Policy
LGBT Children/Pupils perceived to be LGBT	Bullying / Inappropriate behaviour	Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour Supervision Policy

Sporting Activities	Harm by school personnel Inappropriate behaviour Harm by other pupils	Supervision Policy Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour Parental notes re consent
Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils	Harm from older pupils, unknown adults on the playground	Arrival and dismissal supervised by Teachers Supervision Policy Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour
Managing of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint	Injury to pupils and staff	Restraint Policy Health & Safety Policy Code Of Behaviour Appropriate training
Sports Coaches	Harm to pupils	Supervision Policy Teacher presence
External students participating in Work Experience / Placement	Harm by student Inappropriate behaviour Harm by other pupils	Child Safeguarding Statement Vetting Procedures Guidelines for student teachers and others working in Scoil Mhuire gan Smal Supervision Policy Teacher presence
Recreation breaks for pupils	Harm by school personnel Inappropriate behaviour Harm by other pupils	Supervision Policy Yard Duty Supervision Policy & Rotas Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour
Classroom teaching	Harm by school personnel Inappropriate behaviour Harm by other pupils	Teaching Council Professional Code of Conduct Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff Vetting Procedures

		Supervision Policy Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour
Outdoor teaching activities	Harm by school personnel Inappropriate student behaviour	Teaching Council Professional Code of Conduct Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff Vetting Procedures Supervision Policy Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour
School outings / School Tours	Harm by school personnel Inappropriate behaviour Harm by other pupils Harm by unknown others	Code of Behaviour Anti-Bullying Policy Insurance Checks Supervision Policy Vetting Procedures
School trips involving overnight stay	Harm by school personnel Inappropriate behaviour Harm by other pupils Harm by unknown others	Code of Behaviour Anti-Bullying Policy Insurance Checks Supervision Policy Vetting Procedures Policy on School Tours
Swimming Lessons	Harm by school personnel Inappropriate behaviour Harm by other pupils Harm by unknown others	Swimming Policy Supervision Policy Code of Behaviour Anti-Bullying Policy
Fundraising events involving pupils	Harm by school personnel Inappropriate behaviour	Supervision Policy Code of Behaviour

	Harm by other pupils Harm by unknown others	Anti-Bullying Policy Vetting Procedures where relevant
Use of off-site facilities for school activities	Harm by school personnel Inappropriate behaviour Harm by other pupils Harm by unknown others	Supervision Policy Code of Behaviour Anti-Bullying Policy
School transport	Harm by others Inappropriate behaviour	Supervision Policy Code of Behaviour Anti-Bullying Policy Vetting procedures Health and Safety Policy Compliance with Insurance Policy
Transport escorts	Harm by others	Vetting Procedures Supervision Policy
Administration of Medicine	Harm by school personnel	Administration of Medicine Policy
Administration of First Aid	Harm by school personnel	Administration of Medicine Policy
Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils	Harm by school personnel Harm by other pupils Inappropriate Behaviour	Supervision Policy Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour
Internet usage Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school	Bullying Inappropriate Behaviour Cyber Bullying	ICT / Internet Usage Policy Supervision Policy Code of Behaviour Anti-Bullying Policy
Use of external personnel / external tutors to supplement curriculum	Harm by unknown others	Supervision Policy Vetting Procedures

		Teacher presence
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 by school personnel Inappropriate behaviour Harm by other pupils Harm by unknown others	Supervision Policy Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour
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	Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff Staff to view Tusla E-Learning training module & any other online training offered by PDST Vetting Procedures Teacher presence
Use of school premises by other organisation during school day	Harm by unknown others	Vetting Procedures Supervision Policy
Use of school premises by other organisation outside of school day	Harm by unknown others	Vetting Procedures Insurance Certificates

Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school	Bullying Cyber Bullying	ICT policy / Internet Usage Policy Parent Consent Forms Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour
Application of sanctions under the school's Code of Behaviour including detention of pupils, confiscation of phones etc.	Harm by school personnel	Supervision Policy Teaching Council Code of professional Conduct
Use of video/photography/other media to record school events	Harm by school personnel / Inappropriate use of Media	ICT Usage Policy Supervision Policy Teaching Council Code of professional Conduct

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 20/08/2020. It will be reviewed as part of the school's annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

Signed: *Anne Lynch*   Date: 20/08/2020

Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed: Lorraine Houlihan Date: 20/08/2020

Principal