St. Patricks N.S., Ballaghlea

Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment (of any potential harm)

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 Ballaghlea NS

	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
1	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 • All Staff to view Túsla training module & any other online training offered by PDST • BOM records all records of staff and board training
2	One to one teaching	Med	Harm by school personnel	• School has policy in place for one to one teaching • Open doors • Table between teacher and pupil • Glass in window
3	Care of Children with special needs, including intimate care needs	High	Harm by school personnel	Policy on intimate care
4	Curricular Provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay safe.	Med	Non-teaching of same	School implements SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe in full - SPHE – School Self Evaluation - School has SPHE policy - School implemented RSE/Stay Safe in full
5	Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils, including recreation, Breaks for pupils and Toilet areas	Med	Harm from older pupils, unknown adults on the playground Inappropriate behaviour Bullying	• Arrival and dismissal supervised by Teachers • School has a yard supervision policy • Usage of toilet and supervision is included in Code of Behaviour Policy. • School has anti-bullying policy which fully adheres to the requirements of the Department Anti-bullying procedures for Primary and Post Primary schools.

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6	Sports Coaches	Med	Harm to pupils	Policy & Procedures in place (P.E. Policy) 2nd Adult always present Garda Vetting
7	Students participating in work experience	Low	Harm by student	Work Experience Policy Child Safeguarding Statement.
8	School outings Use of off-site facilities for school activities Mattie McDonagh Centre / Swimming pool	High Med	Harm from older pupils and unknown adults Harm from unknown adults and other uses of the facilities	The school has in place a policy and clear procedures in respect of school outings. Teacher supervision
9	Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils including cyber-bullying	Med	Bullying	Anti-Bullying policy SPHE curriculum ICT Policy in place in respect of usage of ICT and devices by pupils.
10	Use of school premises by other organisation during school day / after school	Med	Harm to pupils	Follow diocesan guidelines regarding use of premises by others. Garda Vetting Child safe-guarding statement
11	Parents / Sales Reps / Educational professionals at door	High	Pupils opening door to adults if office unoccupied	• Sign saying "press buzzer" • Reminding children once termly and at assemblies that only adults open door.

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 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 *2/10/25.* It will be reviewed as part of the school's annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

Signed Jim Grogan Date 02/10/2025

Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed Anne-Marie Farrell Date 02/10/2025

Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management