



## Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment

## Marymount National School

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### Written Assessment of Risk of Marymount National 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 2017*, the following is the Written Risk Assessment of Marymount NS.

#### 1. List of school activities

- 1 Training of School Personnel in Child Protection matters
- 2 One to one teaching
- 3 Care of children with special needs
- 4 Toilet areas
- 5 Curricular Provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe
- 6 Daily arrival & dismissal of pupils
- 7 Managing challenging behaviour
- 8 Care of Pupils with specific vulnerabilities e.g. Migrants, ethnic minorities, etc
- 9 Recruitment of school personnel, External tutors, Sports Coaches, LMETB Tutors
- 10 Use of ICT
- 11 Recreation Breaks for Children
- 12 Entrances to School for visitors when class is in session

#### 2. The school has identified the following risk of harm in respect of its activities -

- 1 High – Harm not recognised / reported promptly
- 2 Medium – Harm by school personnel
- 3 High – Harm by school personnel
- 4 High – Inappropriate behaviour
- 5 Medium – Non-teaching of same
- 6 Medium – Harm from older pupils /unknown adults in playground
- 7 Medium – Injury to pupil / staff
- 8 Medium – Risk of bullying
- 9 Medium – Harm not recognised / not properly or promptly reported
- 10 Medium – Cyberbullying, Access to inappropriate material
- 11 Low – Harm by staff
- 12 Medium – Harm from unknown adults

**3. The school has the following procedures in place to address the risks of harm identified in this assessment -**

- 1 Child Safeguarding Statement and Department of Education & Skills Procedures made available to all staff.  
DLP & DDLP to attend PDST face to face Training  
All Staff to view Tusla training module and any other online training offered by PDST
- 2 Glass in window of door, teacher in view through glass
- 3 Policy on intimate care
- 4 Usage and supervision – All on yard to be vigilant when children use toilets at break time
- 5 School implements SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe in full
- 6 Morning supervision 8.50 a.m. Dismissal supervised 1.40 p.m. and 2.40 p.m.
- 7 Action Plan in place. Health and Safety Policy, Code of Behaviour.
- 8 Anti-bullying Policy, KIVA Programme, Code of Behaviour
- 9 Child Safeguarding Statement and Department of Education & Skills Procedures Training, Vetting
- 10 Acceptable Use Policy, Anti-bullying Policy, KIVA Programme, Code of Behaviour, Assembly, Mobile Phone and Devices Policy, Cyberbullying Workshops
- 11 Supervision Policy
- 12 Closing rear and side access when classes in session.

**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 2 October 2018. It shall be reviewed as part of the school's annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

Signed FR David Bradley Date 2/10/2018

Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed Maria Lopez Date 2/10/2018

Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management