**Scoil an Fhraoich Mhóir, The Heath, Portlaoise. Child Safeguarding Statement.**

**Mandatory Template 1: Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment Template**

Scoil an Fhraoich Mhóir is a primary school providing primary education to pupils from Junior Infants to Sixth Class.

In accordance with the requirements of the [Children First Act 2015](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2015/act/36/enacted/en/pdf), [Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017](https://assets.gov.ie/25844/b90aafa55804462f84d05f87f0ca2bf6.pdf), [the Addendum to Children First (2019)](https://assets.gov.ie/25819/c9744b64dfd6447985eeffa5c0d71bbb.pdf), the [Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017](https://www.gov.ie/pdf/?file=https://assets.gov.ie/45063/2d4b5b3d781e4ec1ab4f3e5d198717d9.pdf#page=1) and [Tusla Guidance on the preparation of Child Safeguarding Statements](https://www.tusla.ie/uploads/content/4214-TUSLA_Guidance_on_Developing_a_CSS_LR.PDF), the Board of Management of Scoil an Fhraoich Mhóir has agreed the Child Safeguarding Statement set out in this document.

1. The Board of Management has adopted and will implement fully and without modification the Department’s Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017 as part of this overall Child Safeguarding Statement
2. The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is the school principal: David O’Brien
3. The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP) is the school deputy principal: Linda O’Regan
4. The Board of Management recognises that child protection and welfare considerations permeate all aspects of school life and must be reflected in all of the school’s policies, procedures, practices and activities. In its policies, procedures, practices and activities, the school will adhere to the following principles of best practice in child protection and welfare:

The school will:

* recognise that the protection and welfare of children is of paramount importance, regardless of all other considerations;
* fully comply with its statutory obligations under the Children First Act 2015 and other relevant legislation relating to the protection and welfare of children;
* fully co-operate with the relevant statutory authorities in relation to child protection and welfare matters;
* adopt safe practices to minimise the possibility of harm or accidents happening to children and protect workers from the necessity to take unnecessary risks that may leave themselves open to accusations of abuse or neglect;
* develop a practice of openness with parents and encourage parental involvement in the education of their children; and
* fully respect confidentiality requirements in dealing with child protection matters.

The school will also adhere to the above principles in relation to any adult pupil with a special vulnerability.

1. The following procedures/measures are in place:

* In relation to any member of staff who is the subject of any investigation (howsoever described) in respect of any act, omission or circumstance in respect of a child attending the school, the school adheres to the relevant procedures set out in Chapter 7 of the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017 and to the relevant agreed disciplinary procedures for school staff which are published on the DE website.
* In relation to the selection or recruitment of staff and their suitability to work with children, the school adheres to the statutory vetting requirements of the [National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Acts 2012 to 2016](https://revisedacts.lawreform.ie/eli/2012/act/47/revised/en/pdf) and to the wider duty of care guidance set out in relevant Garda vetting and recruitment circulars published by the Department of Education and available on the DE website.
* In relation to the provision of information and, where necessary, instruction and training, to staff in respect of the identification of the occurrence of harm (as defined in the 2015 Act) the school-
* Has provided each member of staff with a copy of the school’s Child Safeguarding Statement
* Ensures all new staff are provided with a copy of the school’s Child Safeguarding Statement
* Encourages staff to avail of relevant training
* Encourages Board of Management members to avail of relevant training
* The Board of Management maintains records of all staff and Board member training
* In relation to reporting of child protection concerns to Tusla, all school personnel are required to adhere to the procedures set out in the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017, including in the case of registered teachers, those in relation to mandated reporting under the Children First Act 2015.
* In this school the Board has appointed the above named DLP as the “relevant person” (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) to be the first point of contact in respect of the school’s child safeguarding statement.
* All registered teachers employed by the school are mandated persons under the Children First Act 2015.
* In accordance with the Children First Act 2015 and the Addendum to Children First (2019), the Board has carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while attending the school or participating in school activities. A written assessment setting out the areas of risk identified and the school’s procedures for managing those risks is included with the Child Safeguarding Statement.
* The various procedures referred to in this Statement can be accessed via the school’s website, the DE website or will be made available on request by the school.

1. This statement has been published on the school’s website and has been provided to all members of school personnel, the Parents’ Association (if any) and the patron. It is readily accessible to parents and guardians on request. A copy of this Statement will be made available to Tusla and the Department if requested.
2. This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed annually or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which this statement refers.

This Child Safeguarding Statement was adopted by the Board of Management on 14th March 2018.

This Child Safeguarding Statement was reviewed by the Board of Management on 29th March 2022 [most recent review date].

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Chairperson of Board of Management Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management

Date: 29th March 2022 Date: 29th March 2022

**Mandatory Template 1: Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment Template (Landscape version)**

**Written Assessment of Risk of: Scoil an Fhraoich Mhóir**

In accordance with section 11 of the Children First Act 2015 and with the requirement of Chapter 8of the *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017*, the following is the Written Risk Assessment of Scoil an Fhraoich Mhóir.

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| **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** |
| One-to-one teaching | Risk of inappropriate behaviour/harm by school personnel | Statutory vetting requirements in place.  Glass panel in doors always kept clear.  Classroom door to be kept open, if deemed necessary.  Have one-to-one workstation in view of panel.  Table between teacher and pupil/teacher awareness of proximity of pupil.  Parents/guardians of children attending SET team are informed and permission is sought.  SNAs working in one-to-one situations will do so in an open environment under the direction of the class teacher. |
| Classroom teaching | Risk of inappropriate behaviour/harm by school personnel | Statutory vetting requirements in place.  Glass panel in classroom doors  Teaching Council Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers  Staff child protection training. |
| Care of Children with special needs, including intimate care/toileting needs | Risk of inappropriate behaviour/harm by school personnel | Statutory vetting requirements in place.  Policy on intimate care always two adults.  Record of intimate care needs kept by staff.  Communication with parents/guardians and written instructions sought where necessary + permission of parents/guardians sought.  Permission sought on application form and at enrolment stage.  Child Safeguarding Statement.  Whole staff Child Protection training. |
| Toileting/changing/showering of pupils |  | Statutory vetting requirements in place.  Permission sought on application form.  For one off occasions/accidents parent to be contacted for permission via phone  Two members of staff present  For pupils with special needs see above. |
| Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils. | Risk of inappropriate behaviour/harm by other pupils.  Failure by staff to listen to/identify bullying behaviour | Code of Behaviour & Anti-bullying Policy  Staff supervision of pupils throughout school day  Promotion of culture of care and kindness in school and a culture of reporting unkind behaviour.  Regular staff discussion/training on behaviour/bullying, pupils of concern.  Teaching of SPHE including Stay Safe Programme  Development of good communication with pupils and parents/guardians. |
| Training of school personnel in child protection matters | Risk of lack of awareness of signs of harm or potential harm and not being reported promptly and properly.  Risk of exposing pupils to unintended harm/harm | Child Protection Training for all staff  Monthly discussion of Child Protection at staff meetings  Ongoing development of school risk assessment. |
| Staff communication with pupils via social media, texting, digital device or other manner | Risk of harm due to inappropriate contact, provision of inappropriate material | Sanction of principal for all school communication  No staff contact with pupils through social media other than that approved by school and parents.  All communications outside of school through parents/guardians  All communications via school email addresses or school information management systems.  Staff awareness of personal online identity which may be accessed by pupils. |
| Online learning | Risk of harm due to inappropriate contact, provision of inappropriate material.  Risk of harm or bullying by other pupils | Only school approved online learning platforms are acceptable. Currently Seesaw & Zoom.  Parents to have access to all communication and approve same.  Live teaching or meetings require two staff members to be present for the duration of the class. Second staff member monitors compliance with agreed norms.  Parents & children to be informed and comply with online norms eg. Name showing, Mute on entry, no recording, dressed appropriately, follow teacher instructions as per normal classroom.  Links only to be shared with parents/guardians.  Teaching content viewed in advance of sharing with classes. |
| External school fundraising events involving pupils | Risk of inappropriate behaviour/harm to pupils from unknown parties | All staff, volunteers involved to be Garda vetted  All pupils involved to be accompanied/supervised by a staff member or vetted volunteer. |
| Transport arrangements for school events | Risk of inappropriate behaviour/harm by staff, other pupils, drivers. | All transport to events via bus. |

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|  |  | Staff or parents/guardians cars not to be used for transportation of pupils  Two adults including at least one staff member on each bus. |
| Managing of challenging behaviour amongst pupils | Risk of injury to other pupils and or staff | Statutory vetting requirements in place.  Screening of pupils’ needs once enrolled in school and work with parents/guardians/agencies provide additional resources in advance of starting.  Emphasis on early intervention in infant classes with all identified needs.  Red card system in place for immediate assistance.  Early intervention by teacher/SNA where possible to prevent episode – identification of triggers.  Regular communication with parents/guardians/relevant support agencies.  Physical restraint only per the Physical Restraint Policy and as a last resort.  Child Safeguarding Statement. |
| Application of sanctions under school’s Code of Behaviour | Risk of inappropriate behaviour/harm by school personnel and or other pupils | Individual pupil interviewing, reprimanding, detention etc to be conducted with an open door or viewable through the glass door panel.  Any detention is supervised in an open environment eg. Classroom or principal’s office with door open.  Phones internet devices confiscated to be kept in office for collection. |
| Pupils from diverse backgrounds (9 Discrimination Grounds) | Risk of bullying behaviour | Code of Behaviour & Anti-Bullying Policy in place  Staff supervision throughout school day. |
| Use of toilets during outside breaks (11 a.m. to 11:20 a.m./1:00 p.m. to 13:20 p.m.) | Risk of inappropriate behaviour/harm by school personnel and or other pupils | Designated toilets for break-times.  Numbers accessing toilets at one time limited.  Code of Behaviour and Anti- Bullying policy.  Limited visitor access via front door buzz in system/visitor pass from office/visitor sign in/out book.  Staff vigilance around the school. |

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| Daily dismissal of infant pupils at 1:30 p.m. and all other pupils at 2.30p.m. | Risk of harm from older pupils & inappropriate behaviour. Risk of collection by unsanctioned adult. | Infant pupils are handed over by class teacher to parent or individual designated by parent at classroom door.  Pupils escorted out of the building by class teachers and supervised by principal/deputy principal as exit school grounds.  Reminders to children to go to the office if not collected.  Handover of SET pupils to parent if deemed necessary.  Parents/guardians required to notify school if someone new collecting a child/change of arrangements. |
| Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum e.g. Literacy Lift Off | Risk of inappropriate behaviour/harm by school personnel/peers/older children/extra personnel. | Statutory vetting requirements in place.  Always with teacher supervision.  Code of Behaviour & normal policies & procedures adhered to. |
| Outdoor Recreation breaks for pupils  Indoor Recreation breaks for pupils on wet days. | Risk of inappropriate behaviour/harm by other pupils. | Code of Behaviour.  Anti- Bullying policy.  Designated play areas and control of equipment used  Staff Supervision rota in place  RSE, Stay Safe, Walk Tall, SPHE programmes taught.  On wet days each classroom is supervised by a staff member.  SNA supervision in classes where SNA works. |
| Outdoor teaching activities in school grounds | Risk of inappropriate behaviour/harm by school personnel/other pupils | Yards are fenced and gated.  Code of Behaviour.  Child safeguarding training.  Teacher Supervision.  Children allocated an SNA due to concerns re: flight risk will be accompanied by that SNA.  Statutory vetting requirements in place. |

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| School outings/events including sports events. | Risk of inappropriate behaviour/harm by school personnel/other pupils/stranger/a person employed at the tour/sports venue  A child straying from the group | Code of Behaviour & Anti- Bullying policy.  Staff Safe Guarding training.  Supervision (minimum of 2 adults on a bus, one being the class teacher).  Gender balance as necessary on school outings  SNA accompanying where needed with child allocated same.  Children & staff adhere to policies & procedures in place at venue.  Statutory vetting requirements in place for all accompanying adults.  No pupil phones permitted on outings |
| School outings involving overnight stay | Risk of inappropriate behaviour/harm by school personnel/other pupils/stranger/a person employed at the tour venue  A child straying from the group | As above |
| Use of Information and Communication Technology by staff & pupils in school | Risk of inappropriate behaviour/harm by school personnel/older pupils/peers /unknown persons.  Risk of viewing/accessing inappropriate material on YouTube.  Risk of Bullying | Code of Behaviour & Anti-Bullying Policy.  Acceptable Use of ICT policy.  Mobile phone policy. No pupil mobile phones or internet devices allowed in school without the permission of class teacher & principal.  ICT used under teacher supervision.  Online/Youtube material viewed in advance by teachers. |
| Use of film/DVD as teaching tool or reward. | Risk of children exposed to age in-appropriate material | Code of Behaviour.  Anti-Bullying Policy.  Acceptable Use of ICT policy.  Age appropriate material only shown to class ie U or G classification  Teacher pre-views all material show to class. |
| Use of video/photography/other media to record school events | Risk of images of children being taken and uploaded. | Internet acceptable use policy  All photographs uploaded to school server & deleted from individual devices.  Reminders at events about social media taking of photographs, video for personal use only not to be uploaded. |
| Administration of First Aid | Inappropriate behaviour/harm by school personnel /peers/unknown persons | First Aid administered only by staff.  Trained First Aiders on staff.  First aid administered in a public area.  Statutory vetting requirements in place. |
| Sports Day/Events | Risk of inappropriate behaviour/harm by school personnel/older pupils/peers/ unknown persons | Takes place at the school.  Statutory vetting requirements in place.  Code of Behaviour & Anti -Bullying policy.  Safe Guarding statement.  Parents/guardians/carers required to check in with teachers when bringing a child home.  Staff supervision in all areas.  Children must receive permission from a teacher to go to toilets. |
| Children being sent to the office on messages. | Potential risk from peers/older children/school personnel/visitors to school. | Teachers will always send two children on messages.  Access to the school is restricted by buzzer only so all callers must report to the office.  Visitors to school are accompanied by a member of staff. |
| Swimming | Inappropriate behaviour/harm by school personnel /peers/unknown persons | Statutory vetting requirements in place.  Staff supervision of changing areas.  Code of Behaviour & Anti-Bullying policy.  Swimming Protocol in place.  Safe Guarding statement.  Adherence to policies & procedures in place at said venue.  Staff remain in public area outside individual cubicles.  Infant changing in group changing rooms with minimum two staff present and no un-vetted parents/guardians or volunteers. |
| After school sporting activities | Risk of inappropriate behaviour/harm by school personnel/other pupils | Statutory vetting requirements in place.  Code of behaviour.  Child Safe Guarding staff training.  Teacher supervision. |
| Use of off-site facilities for school activities e.g. sports competitions | Risk of inappropriate behaviour/harm by school personnel/older pupils/peers /unknown persons. | Vetting procedures in place as per Circular 31/16.  Code of Behaviour & Anti- Bullying policy.  Child Safe Guarding statement.  Child Safeguarding Staff training.  Appropriate vetted adult supervision.  Adherence to policies & procedures in place at said venue.  Staff monitor changing rooms and where possible children change at school before matches/ competitions. |
| Sensory room | Risk of inappropriate behaviour/harm from school personnel. | Glass panels in door.  Statutory vetting requirements in place.  Child Safeguarding training for staff. |
| Recruitment of school personnel including -   * Teachers * Substitute Teachers * Supplementary Teachers * SNAs and substitute SNAs * Ancillary Staff | Risk of inappropriate behaviour/harm by school personnel/older pupils/peers/ /unknown persons  Risk that harm not recognised or properly/ promptly reported. | Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff.  Staff to view Tusla training module & any other online training offered by PDST.  Recruitment/interview process.  Statutory vetting requirements adhered to. |
| Students participating in work experience in the school. | Risk of harm to children by work experience students. | Statutory vetting requirements in place.  Work experience students under staff supervision. |
| Student teachers undertaking training placement in school | Risk of inappropriate behaviour/harm by student teachers.  Risk of harm not recognised and reported properly.  Risk of lack of knowledge of school procedures/policies. | Statutory vetting requirements in place.  Initial orientation meeting with principal.  Asked to familiarise themselves with school policies and procedures.  Under class teacher supervision.  Liaison with Teacher Training College.  Child Safe Guarding statement.  Code of Behaviour. |
| After school use of school premises by other organisations | That the standard of child protection afforded to children in the care of the outside organisation will not be in keeping with the school standard. | Use of premises policy.  Outside organisations must have an assigned DLP to ensure proper and prompt reporting is carried out by them.  Outside organisations ensure that appropriate policies and procedures are in place.  Statutory vetting requirements must be adhered to. |
| Visitors/Contractors present in school during school hours | Risk of inappropriate behaviour/harm by visitors/contractors | All visitors must report to school office  Controlled access to school.  Contractors to undertake work before/after pupil attendance in school unless for emergency situations when they should be accompanied by a staff member.  Un-vetted visitors to be accompanied by a member of staff while in the school. |
| Volunteers/Parents/guardians present in school during school hours | Risk of inappropriate behaviour/harm by volunteer/parent | All volunteers or parents/guardians assisting in school to be vetted.  All volunteers or parents/guardians to be supervised by staff member while assisting. |
| Use of external personnel to support curriculum, sport or other extra-curricular activities | Risk of inappropriate behaviour/harm by external personnel | All external personnel to be vetted in advance of commencing in school.  All external personnel to meet with Principal/Deputy Principal to discuss role and school’s expectations with regard to pupil safeguarding. |
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| **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 14th March 2018 and most recently reviewed & updated on 22nd March 2022. It shall be reviewed as part of the school’s annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

Signed: Fr. David Vard Date 22nd March 2022

Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed: David O’Brien Date 22nd March 2022

Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management

**Examples of activities, risks and procedures**

The examples listed in this document are provided to assist schools in undertaking their risk assessment under the Children First Act, 2015. Schools should note that this list of examples is not intended to be exhaustive. It is the responsibility of each school to ensure, as far as possible, that any other risks and procedures that are relevant to its own particular circumstances are identified and specified in the written risk assessment and that adequate procedures are in place to address all risks identified.

It is acknowledged that schools already have in place a range of policies, practices and procedures to mitigate the risk of harm to children while they are participating in the activities of the school and that some school activities will carry low or minimal risks of harm compared to others. In the context of the risk assessment that must be undertaken by schools, the Children First Act, 2015 refers to risk as “any potential for harm”. Therefore, it is important that, as part of its risk assessment process, each school lists and reviews all of its various activities (which shall include identifying those that may carry low risk of harm as well as those that carry higher risks of harm). Doing so will help the school to (1) identify, as required under the Children First Act, 2015, any risks of harm that may exist in respect of the school’s activities, (2) identify and assess the adequacy of the various procedures already in place to manage those risks of harm and (3) identify and put in place any such additional procedures as are considered necessary to manage any risk identified.

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.

**Examples of School Activities**

* Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils
* Recreation breaks for pupils
* Classroom teaching
* One-to-one teaching
* One-to-one counselling
* Outdoor teaching activities
* Sporting Activities
* School outings
* School trips involving overnight stay
* School trips involving foreign travel
* Use of toilet/changing/shower areas in schools
* Provision of residential facilities for boarders
* Annual Sports Day
* Fundraising events involving pupils
* Use of off-site facilities for school activities
* School transport arrangements including use of bus escorts
* Care of children with special educational needs, including intimate care where needed,
* Care of any vulnerable adult students, including intimate care where needed
* Management of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint where required
* Administration of Medicine
* Administration of First Aid
* Curricular provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe
* Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils
* Training of school personnel in child protection matters
* Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum
* Use of external personnel to support sports and other extra-curricular activities
* 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
* Recruitment of school personnel including -
* Teachers/SNA’s
* Caretaker/Secretary/Cleaners
* Sports coaches
* External Tutors/Guest Speakers
* Volunteers/Parents/guardians in school activities
* Visitors/contractors present in school during school hours
* Visitors/contractors present during after school activities
* Participation by pupils in religious ceremonies/religious instruction external to the school
* Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school
* Application of sanctions under the school’s Code of Behaviour including detention of pupils, confiscation of phones etc.
* Students participating in work experience in the school
* Students from the school participating in work experience elsewhere
* Student teachers undertaking training placement in school
* Use of video/photography/other media to record school events
* After school use of school premises by other organisations
* Use of school premises by other organisation during school day
* Breakfast club
* Homework club/evening study

**Examples of Risks of Harm**

* Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel
* Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by school personnel
* Risk of child being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel
* Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child
* Risk of child being harmed in the school by volunteer or visitor to the school
* Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel, a member of staff of another organisation or other person while child participating in out of school activities e.g. school trip, swimming lessons
* Risk of harm due to bullying of child
* Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children in school
* Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children while attending out of school activities
* Risk of harm due to inappropriate relationship/communications between child and another child or adult
* Risk of harm due to children inappropriately accessing/using computers, social media, phones and other devices while at school
* Risk of harm to children with SEN who have particular vulnerabilities
* Risk of harm to child while a child is receiving intimate care
* Risk of harm due to inadequate code of behaviour
* Risk of harm in one-to-one teaching, counselling, coaching situation
* Risk of harm caused by member of school personnel communicating with pupils in appropriate manner via social media, texting, digital device or other manner
* Risk of harm caused by member of school personnel accessing/circulating inappropriate material via social media, texting, digital device or other manner

**Examples of Procedures to address risks of harm**

* All school personnel are provided with a copy of the school’s *Child Safeguarding Statement*
* The *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017* are made available to all school personnel
* School Personnel are required to adhere to the *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017* and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the *Children First Act 2015*
* The school implements in full the Stay Safe Programme
* The school implements in full the SPHE curriculum
* The school has an Anti-Bullying Policy which fully adheres to the requirements of the Department’s *Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools*
* The school has a yard/playground supervision policy to ensure appropriate supervision of children during, assembly, dismissal and breaks and in respect of specific areas such as toilets, changing rooms etc.
* The school has in place a policy and clear procedures in respect of school outings
* The school has a Health and safety policy
* The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting
* The school has a code of conduct for school personnel (teaching and non-teaching staff)
* The school complies with the agreed disciplinary procedures for teaching staff
* The school has a Special Educational Needs policy
* The school has an intimate care policy/plan in respect of students who require such care
* The school has in place a policy and procedures for the administration of medication to pupils
* The school –
  + - Has provided each member of school staff with a copy of the school’s Child Safeguarding Statement
    - Ensures all new staff are provided with a copy of the school’s Child Safeguarding Statement
    - Encourages staff to avail of relevant training
    - Encourages board of management members to avail of relevant training
    - Maintains records of all staff and board member training
* The school has in place a policy and procedures for the administration of First Aid
* The school has in place a code of behaviour for pupils
* The school has in place an ICT policy in respect of usage of ICT by pupils
* The school has in place a mobile phone policy in respect of usage of mobile phones by pupils
* The school has in place a Critical Incident Management Plan
* The school has in place a policy and procedures for the use of external persons to supplement delivery of the curriculum
* The school has in place a policy and procedures for the use of external sports coaches
* The school has in place a policy and clear procedures for one-to-one teaching activities
* The school has in place a policy and procedures for one-to-one counselling
* The school has in place a policy and procedures in respect of student teacher placements
* The school has in place a policy and procedures in respect of students undertaking work experience in the school
* The school has in place a policy and procedures in respect of pupils of the school undertaking work experience in external organisations