

MOUNTBOLUS NATIONAL SCHOOL

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 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 Glass in window
Toilet areas	Inappropriate behaviour	Usage and supervision policy. One pupil at a time.
Curricular Provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay safe.	Non-teaching of same	School implements SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe in full
Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils	Harm from older pupils, unknown adults.	Arrival and dismissal by Teachers. Letter to parents re dropping pupils to school
Managing of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint	Injury to pupils and staff	Health & Safety Policy Code Of Behaviour
Sports Coaches	Harm to pupils	Policy & Procedures in place. Garda Vetting. Teachers present.
Students participating in work experience	Harm by student	Teachers present Child Safeguarding Statement.
Recreation breaks for pupils	Harm by other child. Harm not seen by supervisor. Wet Days pupils indoors.	Supervision policy. School rules

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Classroom teaching	Harm from other pupils	Code of behaviour. Classroom organisation. Code of Behaviour.
Outdoor teaching activities	Meeting non -school personnel in case of field trip.	Health and Safety statement. Wearing high viz jackets. Supervision. Code of Behaviour.
Sporting Activities	Adults not employed by school	Health and Safety. Supervision
School outings	Stranger Danger. Use of public facilities	Tour Policy. Stay safe. Pupils in groups.
St. Patrick's Day Parade	Uncontrolled environment. Unknown adults.	Supervision. Rules regarding collection at end of parade.
Annual Sports Day	Supervision difficult when variety of activities ongoing.	Staff and Parental supervision
Use of off-site facilities for school activities	Use of toilets and public facilities.	Supervision. School rules
Administration of Medicine Administration of First Aid	Epilepsy- administration of Buccolum storage	Storage policy. Communication with parents
Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils	Bullying behaviour at breaks or during outdoor activities.	Anti-bullying policy. Supervision.
Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum	Drama. Art. Tag Rugby. GAA non regular staff.	Garda Vetting Teacher present
Recruitment of school personnel including - • Teachers	Harm not recognised or properly or promptly reported	Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 		<p>Staff to view Tusla training module & any other online training offered by PDST</p> <p>Vetting Procedures</p> <p>Policy of Parents / Volunteers</p>
Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school	Bullying	<p>ICT policy/ Acceptable Use policy</p> <p>Anti-Bullying Policy</p> <p>Code of Behaviour Supervision</p>
Distance/Remote Learning during Covid 19 Pandemic School Closure	<p>Risk of harm due to children inappropriately accessing/using computers, social media, phones and other devices while engaging in distance learning</p> <p>Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children on devices for accessing school work.</p> <p>Risk of harm including cyber bullying from peers or adult predators.</p> <p>Risk of harm not recognised or properly reported.</p> <p>Risk of harm due to pop up ads or accidental viewing of harmful content</p>	<p>GDPR protection of contacts of the school community- Official school emails to be used to convey information.</p> <p>Teachers will endeavour to check and use reputable websites for assigned work.</p> <p>Acceptable Use Policy</p> <p>Phone numbers may be blocked for contacting parents.</p> <p>DES Guidance on distance learning</p>
Student teachers undertaking training placement in school	Lack of experience. Lack of confidence in reporting.	Garda vetting. Teacher present
Use of video/photography/other media to record school events	Inadvertently identifying child.	Acceptable Use policy

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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 **21st May 2020**. It will be reviewed as part of the school’s annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

Signed Carol Dunícan
Chairperson, Board of Management

Date 20/09/2020

Signed Michele Balfe

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Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management