**Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment**

**Written Assessment of Risk of St. Brigid's Junior NS, Brookfield, Tallaght, Dublin 24**

 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 St. Brigid's JNS.

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| **List of School Activities** |
| * Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils
* Recreation breaks for pupils
* Classroom teaching
* One-to-one teaching
* Outdoor teaching activities
* Sporting Activities
* School outings
* Use of toilet/changing areas in schools
* 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
* Management of Challenging behaviour from pupils
* 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 in school/extra-curricular activities
* Care of pupils with specific vulnerabilities/ needs
* Recruitment of school personnel including -
* Teachers/SNAs
* 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
* Participation by pupils in Religious Ceremonies in parish church.
* Participation by pupils in summer camps run in the school by teachers in 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
* Student teachers undertaking training placement in school
* Use of video/photography/other media to record school events
* Breakfast club
* After school activities
* Covid 19 Infection
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| **The school has identified the following risk of harm in respect of its activities -**  |
| * Risk of harm not being recognized 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 the child participates in out of school activities e.g. school trip, swimming lessons, summer camps.
* 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/summer camps.
* 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 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 in one-to-one teaching, coaching situation
* Risk of harm caused by a member of school personnel accessing/circulating inappropriate material via social media, texting, digital device or other manner.
* Risk of contracting/spreading Covid 19 infection
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| **The school has the following policies and procedures in place and through regular monitoring and evaluation we will address the risks of harm identified in this assessment.**  |
| * 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 supervision policy to ensure appropriate supervision of children.
* The school has in place a policy and clear procedures in respect of school outings.
* The school has a Safety Statement which includes the administering of medication.
* The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting.
* Teaching staff are governed by the code of conduct as per the Teaching Council.
* The school complies with the agreed disciplinary procedures for teaching staff as per the Teaching Council.
* The school has a Special Educational Needs policy.
* The school has an intimate care policy in respect of students who require such care
* 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 a First Aid Policy.
* The school has in place a Code of Behaviour for pupils
* The school has in place an ICT policy and an Acceptable Use Policy policy in respect of usage of ICT by pupils
* The school has in place a Critical Incident Management Plan
* The school has in place a Home School Liaison policy and related procedures
* The school has a policy for the use of external persons to supplement delivery of the curriculum.
* The school has a policy and procedures in respect of student teacher placements and students doing work experience.
* The school has a Covid 19 Response plan and a Risk Assessment specific to addressing the Covid 19 crisis.
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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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It shall be reviewed as part of the school’s annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management