Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment

	List of School Activities	Risks Identified Against Each School Activity	Procedures/Measures in place to Mitigate Risk
1.	Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils	Risk to children as they are dropped and collected from the school.	Children are supervised and assemble in the hall from 9:10 each morning until they are collected by class teacher. At home time teachers ensure a parent is waiting to collect each child before they leave.
2.	Recreation and break times	Risk to children as they play on yard and have their lunch/ breaks.	The school will ensure that there is adequate supervision at all times.
3.	Teachers, SNA's and school staff	Risk of harm by a member of school personnel.	All school personnel are provided with a copy of the Safe Guarding statement and CP procedures. Whole staff training provided. Stay Safe is taught in all classes and children know who the DLP and DDLP is in the school. Vetting is required by all staff working in the school.
4.	Substitute teachers and SNA's	Risk of harm to the children	All staff are provide proof of vetting, forms of undertaking and statutory declarations to the school
5.	Visitors to the school	Risk of harm to children by a volunteer or visitor to the school.	All visitors are required to sign into reception and school be accompanied around the school.
6.	Sporting activities	Risk of harm to children taking part in sporting activities.	Appropriate care is taken to ensure the safety of all children during any matches or activities.
7.	School trips and tours	Risk of harm to the children on the trip by school personnel, member of staff of another organisation or other person.	The school should ensure that any trip is appropriate and safe for the children. Adequate supervision.

8.	School transport arrangements including use of bus escorts.	Risk of harm to the children by bus escort or bus driver	Appropriate vetting is required. Please see school bus policy for further information.
9.	Care of children with special needs, and all children in the school.	Risk of harm to vulnerable children, including intimate care needs.	Please see the Intimate care policy for further information. The school will implement the Stay Safe Programme and the SPHE curriculum including RSE.
10.	Management of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint where required	Risk of harm to children, in particular children with special needs.	Appropriate training and guidance to be sought from NCSE.
11.	Management of provision of food and drink	Risk of harm to children, in particular children with allergies.	Nut free school. Steps taken to ensure that staff are aware of allergies in the school and medicine stored on premises. Training provided if required. See Medicine Policy for further details.
12.	Dealing with Bullying amongst pupils	Risk of harm to children in the school.	Implementation of the Stay Safe and SPHE programme. Bi Cinealta policy. Awareness of reporting steps and procedures for all children and staff. See Bi Cinealta for further information.
13.	Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum, sports and extra-curricular activities	Risk of harm to children in the school.	Vetting sought and stored for all personnel in the school.
14.	Montessori and after school on site.	Risk of harm due to external visitors and personnel in the school.	Procedures in place for drop off and collection. Vetting, insurance and safeguarding in place for the Montessori. BOM, Patron and DOES approval.

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15.	Members of minority groups such as LGBTQ, traveller, ethnic minority, refugees etc.	Risk of harm to these children due to bullying or exclusion.	Strategies put in place to create awareness and integration among all pupils and school personnel.
16.	School car park and set down area.	Risk of harm or accidents inside the school gates.	Reminders and emails asking parents to take care when dropping and collecting children. Children should exit vehicles on the footpaths side and only when safe to do so.
17.	Activities run by Parents Association.	Risk of harm to children when taking part in activities such as school disco's, movie nights, BBQ, sports day etc.	Parents may assist with some school activities, but should not be unsupervised or left alone with children. BOM should approve all such activities and be satisfied that adequate safeguarding procedures are in place.
18.	Participation by pupils in religious ceremonies/ religious instructions external to the school.	Risk of harm to pupils.	Parish will have safe guarding procedures in place for instructions outside of school.
19.	Students participating in work experience in the school.	Risk of harm to children.	All students and adults seeking work experience must have vetting in place before starting. They should not be left unsupervised. Anyone under 16 cannot be vetted and cannot work in the school.
20.	Homework Club	Risk of harm to children.	Own safeguarding statement and insurance provided.

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21.	Online safety and bullying in school.	Risk of harm to these children when computers, social media, phones and other devices in school	Personal devices are not allowed in school for pupils. Computers and devices should only be used under supervision. Internet protection and firewall in place on all school devices.
22.	Online safety and bullying outside of school	Risk of harm to these children when computers, social media, phones and other devices in school	Awareness and implementation of SPHE and anti-bullying/ Bi Cinealta. Talks and training for children, pupils and school personnel.
23.	Application of sanctions under the school's Code of Behaviour.	Risk of harm to pupils.	All staff should be familiar with the Code of Behaviour.
24.	Children with special needs in the school.	Risk of harm to pupils with special needs.	The school will have a policy for children with SEN in the school. This will be regularly reviewed with all staff.
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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, and that the inclusion of an example of a policy or procedure on these lists does not make it mandatory. 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.