



Scoil Bhríde, Milltown, Newbridge, Co. Kildare.

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Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment
Written Assessment of Risk of Scoil Bhríde, Milltown.
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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 Scoil Bhríde, Milltown. The Risk Assessment should be read in conjunction with other relevant school policies and plans e.g. Code of Discipline, AUP, Anti-Bullying Policies.

1. List of school activities:

- Training of school personnel in Child Protection matters
- Staff First Aid Training
- Care of Children with special educational needs, including intimate care needs where needed
- Toilet areas
- Curricular Provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe
- Management of challenging behaviour amongst pupils
- Sports Coaches
- Student teachers undertaking training placement in school
- Students participating in work experience
- Recreation breaks for pupils
- Classroom teaching
- One to one teaching
- Outdoor teaching activities
- Sporting Activities
- Swimming
- School outings
- Annual Sports Day
- Use of off-site facilities for school activities
- Visitors
- Fundraising events involving pupils
- School transport arrangements
- Administration of Medicine
- Administration of First Aid
- Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils
- Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum
- Use of external personnel to support sports and other extra-curricular activities
- Use of school buildings by external groups
- Recruitment of school personnel including – Teachers/ SNAs/ Secretary, Caretaker, Cleaner/ Sports coaches/ Guest Speakers/ Volunteers or Parents in school activities/ Visitors or contractors present in school during school hours/ Visitors or contractors present during after school activities
- Care of pupils with specific vulnerabilities e.g. Pupils from ethnic minorities/ members of the Traveller community/ Lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT) children/ pupils perceived to be LGBT/ pupils of minority religious faiths
- Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school and during home based online learning platforms if applicable
- Participation by pupils in religious ceremonies external to the school
- Use of video/ photography/ other media to record school events
- Photographer
- HSE screening/ immunisations
- Psychologist/ O.T./ External Professional

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

- 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, 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
- Risk of harm caused by member of school personnel communicating with pupils in an inappropriate 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

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

- All school personnel are provided with a copy of Scoil Bhríde, Milltown'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 DLP & DDLP have attended PDST face to face training in *Child Safeguarding*
- The school implements in full the SPHE curriculum, including RSE and the Stay Safe Programme
- The school has an SPHE Policy
- The school has an RSE Policy
- The school has a Bí Cineálta Anti-Bullying Policy
- The school has a Supervision Policy
- Staff provide supervision at staggered arrival and dismissal times, parents/ guardians are reminded of staff supervision in weekly email newsletters
- 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 Work Experience Policy
- The school has a Code of Conduct for External Agencies and Volunteers
- The school complies with the agreed Parental Grievance Policy/ Complaints Procedure for teaching staff
- The school has a Special Educational Needs Policy, in line with the new SEN model
- The school has an intimate care plan in respect of students who require such care
- The school has provided each member of staff with a copy of the Scoil Bhríde's Child Safeguarding Statement/ Ensures all new staff are provided with a copy of the Scoil Bhríde'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 training
- The school has in place a policy for the Administration of Medication
- First Aid: The school has a policy for the Administration of First Aid/ administration of medicine, or first aid is carried out in a general area with staff indemnity in operation
- Staff have availed of First Aid Training, completed in August 2020
- The school has in place a Code of Behaviour for pupils, currently under review
- The school has in place an ICT policy in respect of the usage of ICT by pupils and an AUP policy, reviewed and updated in August 2020
- 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 a Swimming Policy/ minimum of 2 members of staff present for all swimming sessions/ Staff members do not enter individual changing cubicles with pupil/s.
- Sporting Activities: 2 members of staff present for sporting activities outside of the school premises/ central transport provided by school/ First Aid Training for staff

- Visitors: Fob system in place for the main entrance/ visitors check in at reception/ no visitors to classroom doors
- School Outings: A minimum of 2 members of staff present for school outings outside of the school premises/ central transport provided by school/ First Aid Training for staff
- The school has in place a clear procedure for one-to-one teaching activities

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 and reviewed by the Board of Management on Monday 8th September 2025. It shall be reviewed as part of the school's annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

Signed: *Gavin O' Connor*

Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed: *John Goff*

Principal/ Secretary to the Board of Management