



Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment

Written Assessment of Risk of Skerries Community College

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 Skerries Community College.

1. List of school activities

- Daily arrival and dismissal of students
- Recreation breaks for students
- Classroom teaching
- One-to-one teaching and counselling
- Sporting activities
- Outdoor teaching activities
- School outings
- School trips involving overnight stay and /or foreign travel
- Use of toilets
- Use of changing rooms
- Co- and extra-curricular activities
- Care of students with special educational needs, including intimate care
- Management of challenging behaviour
- Administration of Medicine and First Aid
- Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils
- Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum and / or to support sports etc.
- Care of students with specific vulnerabilities
- Participation by pupils in religious ceremonies or religious instruction external to the College
- Use of ICT,
- Application of sanctions under the school's COB
- Work Experience outside of school
- Student teachers undertaking placements in the school
- Use of video or other media to record school events
- Breakfast / Homework club
- Lunchtime activities
- Home visits
- Use of sensory room
- Exams / orals supervision
- Movement on corridors between classes
- Use of specialist equipment/ chemicals
- Pair and group work

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

- Risk of harm not being recognised / reported
- Risk of student being harmed by another student
- Risk of student being harmed during breaks etc due to inadequate supervision
- Risk of student being harmed in the College by volunteer or visitor to school
- Risk of harm due to bullying of student
- Risk of harm due to student wandering off or not going to class.
- Risk of harm due to inappropriate communications between students or between student and an adult.
- Risk of harm due to inappropriate use of ICT / social media / recording
- Risk of injury in practical classrooms
- Risk of self-harm by student if left alone when distressed
- Risk of harm when on trips and mixing age or year groups
- Risk of harm by unknown persons while student is involved in work experience or volunteer work outside of the school.

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

- All personnel / staff are given a copy of Child safeguarding and protection procedures.
- School adheres to Child Protection Procedures which was adopted by the BOM
- School implements in full the Wellbeing and SPHE programmes at JC
- School has a robust Code of Behaviour
- School has an ICT policy for students and staff
- School has a Critical Incident Management Plan
- School has a Mobile Phone policy
- School has an Anti-Bullying policy
- School has a Health and Safety policy
- School has a policy on the administration of Medicine
- School has a Level 2 Programme Policy
- School has an attendance at sports events policy
- School has protocols and procedures for school trips including overnight trips
- School makes adequate provision for supervision of students on the corridors during breaks
- School has procedures for the admission of visitors to the college
- School has procedures for the admission of parents to the college
- School has procedures for recording incidents of harm in practical classes
- School has procedures for emergencies in classroom where the teacher has to leave a class unsupervised.
- School has an open-door protocol for all one-to-one situations outside of counselling.
- School has a protocol of unobstructed view into all rooms where one-to-one counselling happens.
- School has an RSE policy
- School has a protocol that records are kept of all one-to-one counselling sessions
- School has a protocol that a buddy system is used in all trips outside of the College grounds.
- All teaching staff in the College are bound by the Code of Professional Conduct from the Teaching Council.
- School has protocols regarding PME placements and student teachers.
- All staff have attended in service on the new child protection procedures
- All BOM members are aware of their obligations under the new child protection procedures

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 13th March 2018. It shall be reviewed as part of the school's annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

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