



**Scoil Mhuire an Chroí gan Smál, Leenane, Roll No.: 18490T**

**Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment  
(of any potential harm)**

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 Mhuire an Chroí gan Smál, Leenane, Co. Galway.

<b>List of School Activities</b>	<b>Risk Level</b>	<b>The School has identified the following Risk of Harm</b>	<b>The School has the following Procedures in place to address risk identified in this assessment</b>
Training of school personnel in Child Protection matters	High	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	Med	Harm by school personnel	Teaching Council Code of Conduct Glass in doors Child Safeguarding Statement
Toilet areas	High	Inappropriate behaviour	Procedures in place, one child at a time in toilets
Curricular Provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay safe.	Med	Non-teaching of same	School implements SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe in full as part of the school curriculum Staff training in same

All pupils	Low	Bullying	Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour (all parents receive a copy on enrolment and confirm this in writing).
Swimming	High	Harm by school personnel, pool staff or others	Procedures in place; Only Garda vetted school personnel and Garda Vetted pool staff in dressing rooms unless reason for so. At least 2 vetted persons in dressing rooms at all times, never with just 1 child. Child Safeguarding Statement
Sales Representatives	Low	Harm to pupils	All visitors must press door bell to gain admittance All visitors must sign visitors book
Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils	Med	Harm from older pupils, unknown adults on the playground	Arrival and dismissal supervised by Teachers Children remain in yellow rectangle until collected by appropriate designated adult
Managing of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint	High	Injury to pupils and staff	Health & Safety Policy Code Of Behaviour
Sports Coaches	Med	Harm to pupils	Procedures in place; Coach not on own with children Garda Vetting
Students participating in work experience	Low	Harm by student	Procedures in place; Work experience policy; Students not on own with pupils Garda Vetting Child Safeguarding Statement.
Recreation breaks for pupils	High	Harm by pupils and school personnel	Supervision Policy Child safeguarding statement
Classroom teaching	Low	Harm by pupils and school personnel	Glass in doors Anti-Bullying Policy/ Code of Conduct Child Safeguarding Statement
Outdoor teaching activities	Med	Harm by pupils and school personnel	Child Safeguarding Statement Anti-Bullying policy/ code of conduct/code of behaviour

Sporting Activities	High	Harm by pupils, school personnel and unknown adults	Child Safeguarding Statement Tours and outings policy Procedures in place; Children supervised adequately
School outings	High	Harm by pupils, school personnel and unknown adults	Child Safeguarding Statement Tours and outings policy Procedures in place; Children supervised adequately
Fundraising events involving pupils	High	Harm by pupils, school personnel and unknown adults	Supervision Policy Child safeguarding statement
Use of off-site facilities for school activities	High	Harm by pupils, school personnel and unknown adults	Child Safeguarding Statement Procedures in place; More than one staff member present
Sacraments in school	Med	Harm to pupils	Garda Vetting Confessions to take place in office Glass in door
Administration of Medicine Administration of First Aid	High	Harm by school personnel	Administration of medicine policy Child Safeguarding policy Procedures in place; First aid administered in office in presence of another person
Children serving at Funerals/Weddings during school day	High	Harm to pupils	Garda Vetting Parental permission Escorting of servers from school to church and back by vetted person, ideally parent Two servers always for funerals/weddings Vetted person supervises in sacristy
Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum	Med	Harm by unknown adults	Code of conduct for external agencies – Sport and Art Procedures in place; External personnel never left on own with pupils Garda vetting

Recruitment of school personnel including - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teachers</li> <li>• SNA's</li> <li>• Caretaker/Secretary/Cleaners</li> <li>• Sports coaches</li> <li>• External Tutors/Guest Speakers</li> <li>• Volunteers/Parents in school activities</li> </ul>	med	Harm not recognised or properly or promptly report	Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff  Staff to view Tusla training module & any other online training offered by PDST  Vetting Procedures
Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school	Med	Bullying	ICT policy Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour Supervision Policy
Application of sanctions under the school's Code of Behaviour including detention of pupils, confiscation of phones etc.	Med	Harm by school personnel	Supervision Policy Garda Vetting Code of Conduct/ Fitness to Teach
Student teachers undertaking training placement in school	Low	Harm by Students	Procedures in place; Garda vetted Student teacher never left on their own with class Child Safeguarding Statement
Use of video/photography/other media to record school events	Med	Harm by School personnel and others	Procedures in place; Pictures and names never appear together Parental permission obtained for photographs and displaying of children's work
Pupils completing jobs in school e.g passing resources to different room, taking notes to office etc	Low	Harm by school personnel	Procedures in place; Pupils sent in pairs where necessary Child Safeguarding Statement

**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 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018. It will be reviewed as part of the school’s annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

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

Chairperson of Board of Management

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

School Principal / Secretary to Board of Management