

# Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment

## Written Assessment of Risk of *Our Lady of Lourdes, New Ross, Co. Wexford*

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 **Our Lady of Lourdes, Rosbercon, New Ross, Co.Wexford.**

### 1. List of school activities

1. Daily arrival and dismissal of students
2. Recreation breaks for pupils
3. Classroom teaching
4. One to One teaching
5. One to One counselling
6. Outdoor teaching activities
7. Sporting activities and other extra-curricular activities
8. School outings and events
9. School trips involving overnight stay
10. School trips involving foreign travel
11. Use of toilet / changing areas in school
12. Annual sports day
13. Administration of First Aid
14. Prevention and dealing with bullying among pupils
15. Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum
16. Care of pupils with specific vulnerable abilities
17. Visitors / contractors present during school hours
18. Use of information and communication technology by pupils in school
19. Students from the school participating in work experience elsewhere
20. Student teachers undertaking training placement in the school
21. Use of video / photography and other media to record school events
22. Evening study
23. Administration of medicine / epi-pens
24. Fundraising events involving students
25. Parents driving students
26. Teachers driving students
27. School walk
28. Ancillary staff dealing with students

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

1. Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel
2. Risk of harm not being reported properly or promptly by school personnel
3. Risk of child being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel
4. Risk of a child being harmed in the school by another child
5. Risk of child being harmed by a volunteer or visitor to the school
6. Risk of a child being harmed by a member of school personnel, a member of staff, or any Persons from other organisations while a child is participating in out of school activities e.g. school trip
7. Risk of harm due to bullying of a child
8. Risk of harm due to inappropriate relationship/ communication between child and another Child or adult
9. Risk of harm to children inappropriately accessing/ using computers, social media, mobile phones and other devices while at school
10. Risk of harm in one to one teaching, counselling and coaching sessions


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

1. All school personnel will be provided with a copy of the schools *Child Safeguarding Statement*
2. The *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary schools 2017* is made available to all school personnel
3. School personnel are required to adhere to the child protection procedures
4. The school implements in full the SPHE curriculum
5. The school implement in full the Wellbeing Programme at Junior Cycle
6. The school has an Anti-Bullying Policy which fully adheres to the requirements of the departments *Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools*
7. The school yard/playground supervision rota ensures appropriate supervision of students during the morning, break time, lunch time and at the end of the school day.
8. The school *Health and Safety Statement*
9. The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES Circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting
10. The school has a *Special Educational Needs Policy*
11. The school has in place a *Mobile Phone Policy* in respect of usage of mobile phones by pupils
12. The school has in place a *Critical Incident Management Plan*


**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 26/2/18 [date]. It shall be reviewed as part of the school's annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

Signed  Date 26/2/18

Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed  Date 26/2/18

Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management