

**Ballyheada N.S. Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment
(of any potential harm)**

List of School Activities/ possible hazards	Risk Level	The School has identified the following Risk of Harm	The School has the following Procedures in place to address risk identified in this assessment
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	Open doors Table between teacher and pupil Glass in window
Prefab	Med	Harm by school personnel	Open doors when 1:1 special education teaching is taking place
Care of Children with special needs, including intimate care needs	High	Harm by school personnel	Policy on intimate care Two SNAs present when intimate care is required
Toilet areas	High	Inappropriate behaviour	Supervision policy
Curricular Provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay safe.	Med	Non-teaching of same	School implements SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe in full
LGBT Children/Pupils perceived to be LGBT	Low	Bullying	Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour

Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils	Med	Harm from older pupils, unknown adults on the playground	Arrival and dismissal supervised by Teachers
Managing of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint	High	Injury to pupils and staff	Health & Safety Policy Code Of Discipline
Sports Coaches	Med	Harm to pupils	Policy & Procedures in place Teacher/SNA to be present at all times
Students participating in work experience	Low	Harm by student	Work experience Policy Child Safeguarding Statement.
Recreation breaks for pupils	High	Harm by student	Supervision Policy Code of Behaviour
Classroom teaching	Med	Risk of a child being harmed by another child Harm due to bullying of a child	Code of Discipline Anti-Bullying Policy
Outdoor teaching activities	Med	Inappropriate behaviour	Code of Behaviour Health and Safety Statement
Sporting Activities (Outside of school)	Med	Unknown adult present	Supervision Policy Two teachers and one SNA to be present at games
School outings	Med	Injury Inappropriate behaviour	Supervision Policy Code of Behaviour
Use of off-site facilities for school activities	Med	Injury Inappropriate behaviour	Code of Behaviour Supervision Policy
Administration of Medicine Administration of First Aid	Low	Harm to child while medicines are being administered	Administration of Medicines Policy
Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils	Med	Harm not recognised or properly or promptly reported	Code of Behaviour Anti-Bullying policy

Training of school personnel in child protection matters	Med	Harm not recognised by school personnel Harm not being reported properly and promptly by school personnel	All school personnel are provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement. School personnel are required to adhere to the <i>Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017</i> and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the <i>Children First Act 2015</i>
Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum	Med	Harm by outside personnel	Supervision Policy Vetting procedures
Recruitment of school personnel including - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers • SNA's • Secretary • Sports coaches • External Tutors/Guest Speakers • Visitors/contractors present in school during school hours 	Med	Harm not recognised or properly or promptly reported	Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff Staff to view Tusla training module & any other online training offered by PDST Supervision Policy
Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school	Med	Bullying	ICT policy Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour
Application of sanctions under the school's Code of Behaviour including detention of pupils, confiscation of phones etc.	Med	Procedure not followed	Code of Discipline Anti Bullying policy
Students participating in work experience in the school	Med	Inappropriate behaviour	Work experience students to be under the supervision of the class teacher

Student teachers undertaking training placement in school	Med	Inappropriate behaviour	Student teachers to be supervised by the class teacher
Use of video/photography/other media to record school events	Med	Harm to pupils	Parents to be advised in advance of the use of video/photography at school events.
COVID 19	High	Illness	School COVID 19 Response Plan in place in line with Department of Education guidance and the Return to Work Safely Protocol and public health advice.

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 28/11/22. To be reviewed as part of the school's annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

Signed _____ Date _____

Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed _____ Date _____

Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management