



# Marymount N.S.

The Rower, Thomastown, Co Kilkenny.

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

### Written Assessment of Risk of Marymount National School

In accordance with section 11 of the Children First Act 2015 and with the requirements of Chapter 8 of the *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools (revised 2023)*, the following is the Written Risk Assessment of Marymount National School.

List of School Activities	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 (revised 2023) made available to all staff. Link for training to be forwarded to all Board of Management Members. DLP & DDLP attended PDST face to face training. All Staff viewed the Túsla training module & any other online training offered by PDST. Staff to re-visit training every 3 years starting Sept. 2022. BOM records all records of staff and board training.
One to one teaching	Med	Harm by school personnel	Policy on one-to-one teaching.  Glass in window.
Care of Children with special needs, including intimate care needs	High	Harm by school personnel	Policy on intimate care.
Toilet areas	High	Inappropriate behaviour	Usage and supervision policy procedures in place.
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



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Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils	Low	Harm from older pupils	Arrival and dismissal supervised by Teachers. SNA on morning yard.
Managing of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint	Low	Injury to pupils and staff	Health & Safety Policy Code Of Behaviour
Sports Coaches	Med	Harm to pupils	Garda vetted and teacher supervised at all times. Supervision at all times.
Students participating in work experience	Low	Harm by student	Work Experience Policy Vetting Agreement in place. Child Safeguarding Statement. Teacher supervision at all times.
Recreation breaks for pupils	Low	Harm by student	Supervision daily at break times by relevant staff.
Classroom teaching	Low	Harm from other people	Children supervised.
Outdoor teaching activities	Med	Harm from other unknown adults.	Health & Safety Policy. Staff supervision in place.
Sporting Activities	High	Harm from other unknown adults.	Staff supervision in place.
Swimming	High	Harm from other adults.	Procedures in place. Teacher supervision. Policy to be developed.
School outings	High	Risk from unknown adults/pupils	Staff supervision and Health & Safety Policy



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Annual Sports Day	Med	Harm from other adults.	Staff supervision.
Fundraising events involving pupils	High	Harm from other adults.	Policy with Parents' Association to be developed. In school events – staff supervision.
Use of off-site facilities for school activities	High	Harm from other adults.	Supervision by relevant staff and Buddy System amongst pupils.
School transport arrangements including use of bus escorts	High	Harm from other adults.	Reinforce Telling School. Teach Stay Safe and RSE. Bus Prefects.
Administration of Medicine Administration of First Aid	Low	Harm the child.	Administration of Medicine Policy. Advice sought from Insurance Company re. Procedures. Staff training.
Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils	Med	Harm the child	Anti-Bullying Policy in place. Anti-Bullying Survey. Anti-Bullying Procedures / Strategies as per policy. Acceptable Use Policy
Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum	High	Harm by other adult.	Vetting Policies / procedures in place. Teacher supervision in place.



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Care of pupils with specific vulnerabilities/ needs such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pupils from ethnic minorities/migrants</li> <li>• Members of the Traveller community</li> <li>• Lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT) children</li> <li>• Pupils perceived to be LGBT</li> <li>• Pupils of minority religious faiths</li> <li>• Children in care</li> <li>• Children on CPNS</li> <li>• Children with Medical Needs</li> </ul>	Med	Harm by another child / adult	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anti-Bullying Policy</li> <li>• Confidentiality</li> </ul>
Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school  Online Learning	Med	Bullying	ICT policy – Acceptable Use Policy. Mobile Phone Policy. Anti-Bullying Policy. Code of Behaviour. Internet Safety Education.
Application of sanctions under the school’s Code of Behaviour including detention of pupils, confiscation of phones etc.	Low	Harm by other pupils	Teacher supervision. Mobile Phone Policy.
Student teachers undertaking training placement in school	Med	Harm by other adults.	Work experience Policy. Garda vetting. Class teachers supervision



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Use of video/photography/other media to record school events	High	Harm by other pupils or adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permission Note</li> <li>• Acceptable Use Policy</li> <li>• Explanatory Letter to Parents</li> </ul>
Recruitment of school personnel including – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Teachers/SNAs</li> <li>▪ Caretaker/Secretary/Cleaners</li> <li>▪ Sports Coaches</li> <li>▪ External Tutors/Guest Speakers</li> <li>▪ Volunteers/Parents in school activities</li> <li>▪ Visitors/Contractors present in school during school hours</li> <li>▪ Visitors/Contractors present during after school hours</li> </ul>	High	Risk of child being harmed in the school by school personnel  Risk of child being harmed in school by volunteer or visitor to the school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The <i>Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools (revised 2023)</i> are made available to all school personnel</li> <li>▪ School Personnel are required to adhere to the <i>Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools (revised 2023)</i> and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the Children First Act 2015 and its Addendum (2019)</li> <li>▪ The school has a yard/playground supervision policy to ensure appropriate supervision of children during, assembly, dismissal and breaks and in respect of specific areas such as toilets, changing rooms etc.</li> <li>▪ The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DE circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting</li> <li>▪ The school has codes of conduct for school personnel (teaching and non-teaching staff)</li> <li>▪ The school complies with agreed disciplinary procedures for teaching staff.</li> <li>▪ The school –               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Has provided each member of school staff with a copy of the school’s Child Protection Safeguarding Statement</li> <li>○ Ensures all new staff are provided with a copy of the school’s Child Safeguarding Statement</li> <li>○ Encourages staff to avail of relevant training</li> <li>○ Maintains records of all staff and board member training</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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**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 (revised 2023)*.

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 Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 2019.

It was reviewed on Thursday 6th of February 2020, Thursday 6th of February 2021, Wednesday 30th of March 2022 & Wednesday 30th of March 2023, Thursday 7th of March 2024

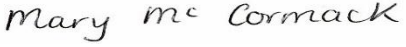
It was reviewed again on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> of February 2025.

It will be reviewed as part of the school’s annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

Signed 

Date 11/02/2025

**Liam Mulholland**  
Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed 

Date 11/02/2025

**Mary Mc Cormack**  
Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management

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