

Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment Cullen NS 2021/2022



School Motto:

“I am as good as everybody else and everybody else is as good as me!”

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Written Assessment of Risk of: Scoil Náisiúnta Chuilinn Uí Chaoimh Cullen N.S.

In accordance with Section 11 of the Children First Act 2015 and with the requirement of Chap.8 of The Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017 the following is the Written Risk Assessment of Cullen N.S.

1. List of School Activities:

Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils
Recreation breaks for pupils
Classroom teaching

One-to-one teaching

Outdoor teaching activities

Sporting Activities

School Outings

Use of toilet/changing areas in schools

Annual Sports Day

Fundraising events involving pupils

Use of off-site facilities for school activities

School Transport

Care of children with special educational needs, including intimate care where needed

Management of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint where required

Administration of Medicine

Administration of First Aid

Curricular provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe

Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils

Training of school personnel in Child Protection matters

Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum

Use of external personnel to support sports and other extra-curricular activities

Care of pupils with specific vulnerabilities/ needs such as:

Pupils from ethnic minorities/migrants

Members of the Traveller community

Lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT) children

Pupils perceived to be LGBT

Pupils of minority religious faiths

Children in care

Children on Child Protection Notification System (CPNS)

Recruitment of school personnel including:

Teachers/SNA's

Caretaker/Secretary/Cleaner

Sports coaches

External Tutors/Guest Speakers

Volunteers/Parents in school activities

Visitors/contractors present in school during school hours

Visitors/contractors present during after school activities

Participation by pupils in religious ceremonies/religious instruction external to the school

Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school

Application of sanctions under the school's Code of Behaviour including detention of pupils, confiscation of phones etc.

Students participating in work experience in the school

Student teachers undertaking training placement in school

Use of video/photography/other media to record school events

After school use of school premises by other organisations

2.Cullen NS has identified the following risk of harm in respect of its activities:

Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel

Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by school personnel

Risk of child being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel

Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child

Risk of child being harmed in the school by volunteer or visitor to the school

Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel, a member of staff of another organisation or other person while child participating in out of school activities e.g. school trip, swimming lessons

Risk of harm due to bullying of child in school

Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children while attending out of school activities

Risk of harm due to easy access to the school yard and layout of school premises

Risk of harm due to inappropriate relationship/communications between child and another child or adult

Risk of harm due to children inappropriately accessing/using computers, social media, phones and other devices while at school

Risk of harm to children with SEN who have particular vulnerabilities

Risk of harm to child while a child is receiving intimate care

Risk of harm due to inadequate code of behaviour

Risk of harm in one-to-one teaching/coaching situation

Risk of harm caused by member of school personnel communicating with pupils in appropriate manner via social media, texting, digital device or other manner

Risk of harm caused by member of school personnel accessing/circulating inappropriate material via social media, texting, digital device or other manner.

3. Cullen NS has the following procedures in place to address the risks of harm identified in this assessment:

All school personnel are provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement

The Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017 are made available to all school personnel

School Personnel are required to adhere to the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017

and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the Children First Act 2015

Cullen NS implements in full the Stay Safe Programme

Cullen NS implements in full the SPHE curriculum

Cullen NS has an Anti-Bullying Policy which fully adheres to the requirements of the Department's Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools

The staff ensures appropriate supervision of children during, assembly, dismissal and breaks

Cullen NS has a Health and Safety policy

Cullen NS adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting

Cullen NS complies with the agreed disciplinary procedures for teaching staff

Cullen NS has a Special Educational Needs policy

Cullen NS has an intimate care policy/plan in respect of students who require such care

Cullen NS has in place a policy and procedures for the administration of medication to pupils

Cullen NS:

- has provided each member of school staff with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement

- Ensures all new staff are provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement

- Encourages staff to avail of relevant training

- Encourages Board of Management members to avail of relevant training

- Maintains records of all staff and Board Member training

Cullen NS has in place procedures for the administration of First Aid

Cullen NS has in place a code of behaviour for pupils

Cullen NS has in place an AUP in respect of usage of ICT by pupils

Cullen NS has in place a mobile phone policy in respect of usage of mobile phones by pupils

Cullen NS has in place a Critical Incident Management Plan

Cullen NS has in place procedures for the use of external persons to supplement delivery of the curriculum

Cullen NS has in place procedures for the use of external sports coaches

Cullen NS has in place clear procedures for one-to-one teaching activities

Cullen NS has in place procedures in respect of student teacher and student SNA placements

Cullen NS has in place procedures in respect of students undertaking work experience in the school.

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, Cullen N.S.'s 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 and further reviewed by the Board of Management on 7th September 2021.

It shall be reviewed as part of the school's annual review of its **Child Safeguarding Statement**.

Eileen O'Mahony is the DLP Designated Liaison Person.

Catherine O'Sullivan is the DDLP Deputy Designated Liaison Person.

This Risk Assessment was reviewed by all staff on our CROKE Park Day on Friday 27/8/21.

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Chairperson of Cullen N.S. Board of Management: Mr. Alan Mooney / c/o BoM Canon John Fitzgerald Patron Nominee

Date