

Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment

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 Herbertstown NS, 17364J.

School Activity	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	Harm not recognised or reported promptly	<p>Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff</p> <p>DLP & DDLP to attend PDST face to face training</p> <p>All staff to view Túsla training module & any other online training offered by PDST</p> <p>BOM records all records of staff and BOM training</p>
1:1 teaching	Harm by school personnel	<p>School has policy in place for 1:1 teaching</p> <p>Open doors</p> <p>Table between teacher and pupil</p> <p>Glass window in door</p>
Toilet areas	Inappropriate behaviour	Usage and supervision policy
Curricular provision in respect of SPHE, RSE and Stay Safe	Non teaching of same	School implements SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe in full
LGBT children/ pupils perceived to be LGBT	Bullying	<p>Anti-bullying policy</p> <p>Code of Behaviour</p>

Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils	Harm from older pupils, unknown adults on the playground	<p>Arrival and dismissal supervised by teachers.</p> <p>Reminder to parents/guardians annually that pupils remain in their care until 9.05 daily when supervision begins</p>
Managing of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint	Injury to pupils and staff	<p>Restraint policy if applicable</p> <p>Health & Safety policy</p> <p>Code of Behaviour</p>
Sports coaches	Harm to pupils	<p>Garda vetting supplied</p> <p>Teacher remains for lesson to supervise</p>
Students participating in work experience	Harm by student	<p>Work experience policy</p> <p>Child Safeguarding statement</p> <p>Visitors to report to front door</p> <p>Vetting</p> <p>Work experience badge</p> <p>Student never left alone in company of pupils/class</p>
Recreation breaks for pupils	Harm to pupils	<p>Separate yards for age groups</p> <p>2 adults on supervision duty</p> <p>No pupils allowed to stay indoors during lunch</p>

First aid	Harm to pupils	<p>Minor injuries to be dealt with on the yard. First aid bag to be brought out at each break</p> <p>More serious injuries a messenger is sent to staff room to get another adult, injured pupil and sibling/friend go inside to be treated by staff member.</p>
Sporting activities i.e. swimming	Harm to pupils	2 staff member minimum to accompany a group
School outings	Harm to pupils	<p>Min. 2 adults to accompany any trip</p> <p>Pupils to go in pairs</p>
Sports Day	Harm to pupils	<p>Toilet facilities in HDA rather than school</p> <p>Social media ban</p>
Fundraising events involving pupils	Harm to pupils	<p>Sign displayed banning photos/recording of choir</p> <p>Volunteer parents for toilet trips, pupils in pairs</p> <p>Min. 2 school staff to accompany</p>
Use of off-site facilities for school activities	Harm to pupils	<p>Hall. Min. 2 adults to accompany</p> <p>Church. Use of toilet, teacher to accompany, pupils to go in pairs</p>
Bus trips to events, matches etc	Harm to pupils	Min. 2 adults to accompany
First Aid	Harm to pupils	<p>Policy in place</p> <p>Training to be provided every 5 years</p>
Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils	Harm to pupils	Anti Bullying policy

Recruitment of school personnel including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers • SNAs • Caretaker/secretary/cleaners • Sport coaches • Guest speakers • Volunteers/parents in school activities • Visitors/contractors present in school during school hours • Visitors/contractors present during after school activities 	Harm not recognised or promptly reported	Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to staff Staff to view Tusla training module and any other online training offered by PDST Vetting procedures
Use of ICT by pupils in school	Bullying	ICT policy Anti Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour No social media Filtering as per DES provider No unsupervised access
Application of sanctions under the school's code of behaviour including detention of pupils, confiscation of phones etc	Harm to pupils	Code of behaviour 'time out' done outside on yard under supervision of adults on yard duty Detention inside in exceptional circumstances to be completed in classroom nearest staff room and a member of staff tasked with supervision of same

School security	Harm to pupils	<p>White door. Lock changed to be locked from the outside</p> <p>Steel gate. Combination lock/ lock with master key</p> <p>Entrance from HDA car park. Locked at 9.45 every morning. Locked again from 2.10 – 3.00 following infant collection time.</p>
Visitors to school. Parents collecting for appointments etc	Harm to pupils	Enter school via front gate, report to office via front door. Wait in hall for member of staff to collect pupil.
Use of video/photography/other media to record school events	Harm to pupils	<p>Announcement/note in advance advising parents not to share any recordings/photos to social media</p> <p>Designated staff member to record event for school website, taking into consideration limits of permission granted by individual parents</p>
Pupils sent on errands	Harm to pupils	<p>Kept to a minimum. Communicate via Aladdin where possible.</p> <p>Pupils always go in pairs</p>
Online Learning	Harm to pupils, data breach	<p>All classes to use same platform : Seesaw</p> <p>Settings altered to ensure pupils can only view their own work. No viewing or commenting on others work</p> <p>Individual log ins issued</p>

