Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment

Written Assessment of Risk of Clonmoney NS 2025-26

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
1.	Training of school personnel in Child Protection matters	Low	Harm not recognised or reported promptly	**The school management has:** ✓ 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 ✓ Ensures that staff to avail of relevant training ✓ Ensures that board of management members to avail of relevant training, through patron body ✓ Maintains records of all staff and board member training
2.	One to one teaching	Med	Harm by school personnel	✓ School has policy in place for one-to-one teaching ✓ The school has a Special Educational Needs policy ✓ Table between teacher and pupil ✓ Glass in door of each classroom & SET room (s)
3.	Classroom teaching	Med	Harm not being recognised by school personnel Inadequate supervision of children	✓ Code of Behaviour ✓ Rules and Procedures handbook for all staff members
4.	Online teaching and learning remotely	High	Risk of harm due to inappropriate use of online remote teaching and learning communication platform such as an uninvited person accessing the lesson link, students being left unsupervised for long periods of time in breakout rooms	✓ The school has an Acceptable Use Policy in place, to include provision for online teaching and learning remotely, and has communicated this policy to parents

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5. Outdoor teaching activities	Med	Inadequate supervision of children while attending outdoor activities Harm by other pupils	✓ Code of Behaviour ✓ Health & Safety Policy ✓ The school has in place a policy and clear procedures in respect of school outings
6. Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum	Low	Risk of harm by other persons	✓ Procedures in place that teacher always remains with class during the visit. ✓ The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DE circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting
7. Curricular provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe	Low	Non-teaching of same Risk of inappropriate communications between child and another child	✓ School implements SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe in full ✓ School Policies in place for these areas. ✓ Communication to parents via monthly newsletter
8. Sporting Activities	Med	Inadequate supervision of children while attending sporting activities Harm by other pupils Child being harmed by school personnel, a member of staff of another organisation or other person while child participating in out of school activities	✓ Sports Code of Behaviour ✓ Code of Behaviour ✓ School organises that 2 members of staff run after school activities & attendance at games
9. School outings/Tours	High	Inadequate supervision of children while attending out of school activities Harm by other pupils Child being harmed by school personnel, a member of staff of another organisation or other person while child participating in out of school activities	✓ Procedures in place for school outings ✓ Tour letter with rules etc. sent in advance. ✓ Code of Behaviour

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10.	Annual Sports Day	High	Inadequate supervision of children in school activities Harm by other pupils Child being harmed by school personnel, a member of staff of another organisation or other person while child participating in outdoor school activities Risk of harm by other persons – circulating inappropriate material via social media, texting, digital device or other manner.	✓ Code of Behaviour ✓ Supervision Policy ✓ Rules & Procedures for Sports Day
11.	Use of external personnel to support sports and other extra-curricular activities	Low	Harm to pupils Risk of inappropriate communications between child and another adult	✓ Policy & Procedures in place ✓ Class Teacher always remains with a coach or guest speaker. ✓ Garda Vetting procedures followed
12.	Use of off-site facilities for school activities	Med	Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel	✓ The school has in place a policy and clear procedures in respect of school outings
13.	Students & Student Teachers participating in work experience	Med	Harm by student Risk of inappropriate communications between child and another adult	✓ Work experience Policy ✓ The school has in place a policy and procedures in respect of students undertaking work experience in the school
14.	Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school, including social media	High	Risk of harm due to children inappropriately accessing/using computers, social media, phones and other devices while at school Cyber-Bullying Inadequate supervision of children in school activities Risk of harm by other pupils – circulating inappropriate material via social media, texting, digital device or other manner.	✓ The school has an Acceptable Use Policy in place, to include provision for online teaching and learning remotely, and has communicated this policy to parents ✓ ICT policy & Web filtering in place to block inappropriate websites. ✓ Acceptable Use Policy ✓ Anti-Bullying Policy ✓ Code of Behaviour

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15.	Recreation breaks for pupils	Med.	Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child	✓ 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.
16.	Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils	Med	Harm from older pupils, adults on the playground that the pupils don't know	✓ Arrival and dismissal supervised by Teachers ✓ Supervision Policy
17.	Toilet areas	High	Inappropriate behaviour	✓ One girl and one boy from each class allowed in toilet at any time. ✓ Boys & Girls Toilets upgraded & refurbished ✓ Intimate Care & Toileting Policy in place
18.	Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils	Med	Risk of harm due to bullying of child Harm not being recognised by school personnel	✓ The school has an Anti-Bullying Policy which fully adheres to the requirements of the Department's Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary School.
19.	Care of Children with special needs, including intimate care needs	High	Harm by school personnel	✓ Policy on Intimate Care & Toileting in place. ✓ Two staff members present for the administration of insulin & other specialised medicine.
20.	LGBT Children/Pupils perceived to be LGBT	Low	Bullying Risk of inappropriate communications between child and another child	✓ Anti-Bullying Policy ✓ Code of Behaviour Policy
21.	Managing of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint	Low	Injury to pupils and staff	✓ Health & Safety Policy ✓ Code Of Behaviour

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22. Fundraising events involving pupils	Med	Inadequate supervision of children in school activities Harm by other pupils Child being harmed by school personnel, a member of staff of another organisation or other person while child participating in outdoor school activities Risk of harm by other persons – circulating inappropriate material via social media, texting, digital device or other manner.	✓ Code of Behaviour ✓ Supervision Policy ✓ Action Plan for the individual event, prior to it being hosted.
23. School transport arrangements including use of bus escorts	Med	Child being harmed by school personnel, a member of staff of another organisation or other person while child participating in out of school activities Harm by other pupils	✓ Code of Behaviour ✓ Supervision Policy ✓ The school has in place a policy and clear procedures in respect of school outings
24. Administration of Medicine Administration of First Aid	Med	Child being harmed by school personnel	✓ Office door to remain open when first aid is being administered ✓ Injured pupil to be accompanied by another pupil ✓ Nature of injury is recorded if deemed serious

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25. Care of pupils with specific vulnerabilities/ needs such as • Pupils from ethnic minorities/migrants • Members of the Traveller community • Lesbian, gay, or bisexual transgender (LGBT) children • Pupils perceived to be LGBT • Pupils of minority religious faiths • Children in care • Children on CPNS	Med	Harm by other pupils Risk of harm due to bullying of child Harm not being recognised by school personnel	✓ School implements in full the SPHE curriculum and Stay Safe Programme. ✓ Anti-Bullying Policy ✓ Code of Behaviour ✓ Supervision Policy ✓ The school undertakes anti-racism awareness initiatives
26. Recruitment of school personnel including - • Teachers • SNA's • Caretaker/Secretary/Cleaners • Sports coaches • External Tutors/Guest Speakers	Low	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 ✓ Vetting Procedures ✓ Policy of Parents / Volunteers ✓ Policy on Visiting Contractors

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27. Use of school premises by other organisation during school day or after school use	Med	Inadequate supervision of children in school activities Harm by other pupils Child being harmed by other persons	✓ Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff ✓ Vetting Procedures
28. Application of sanctions under the school's Code of Behaviour including detention of pupils, confiscation of phones	Med	Inadequate supervision of children in school activities Harm by other pupils	✓ Code of Behaviour ✓ Supervision Policy
29. Use of video/ photography/other media to record school events	High	Risk of harm by other persons – circulating inappropriate material via social media, texting, digital device or other manner.	✓ ICT & Acceptable Use Policy ✓ Communication with Parents ✓ Designated Photographers used by school for events
30. Swimming lessons in local swimming pool	High	Risk of harm by other persons Inadequate supervision of children during out of school activities Risk of harm in coaching situation	✓ Swimming Policy in place.
31. Use of video/ photography/other media to record school events	Med	Risk of harm by other persons Risk of harm caused by member of school personnel accessing/circulating inappropriate material via social media, texting, digital device or other manner	✓ Parents/Guardians sign an agreement at enrolment stage, allowing staff members to photo/video pupils for school purposes and post on school social media and/or in classroom. ✓ Professional Photographers hired for sacraments or family photos are vetted by the school prior to being employed by the school.

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32. Daily Hot Meals Delivery ("Hot Drop")	Med	Inadequate supervision of pupils during collection and delivery of boxes Risk of harm due to pupils carrying boxes unsafely (e.g., lifting, collisions, spillages) Risk of inappropriate interactions with external personnel delivering meals Risk of pupils being temporarily unsupervised in corridors Harm not being recognised or promptly reported during movement around the school	**Clear written Daily Hot Meals Procedures in place:** ✓ Staff collect boxes for Junior Infants – 2nd Class. Delivery to 3rd Class completed by named delivery person; teacher present in room during collection ✓ Pupils from 4th – 6th trained to carry boxes in pairs. Teachers supervise movement in corridors during collection ✓ External delivery personnel remain in public areas only; no unsupervised contact with pupils ✓ Weekly rota for pupil helpers; procedures emphasise safe movement and lifting. ✓ Adults only move stacked boxes ✓ Spillages reported and cleaned immediately. All procedures communicated to staff and pupils and reviewed annually
33. After-School Homework Club (On-Site)	Med	Inadequate supervision during after-school hours Risk of harm from other pupils Risk of harm due to inappropriate interactions with adults Risk of harm not being recognised or reported promptly outside the normal school day Risk of bullying or peer conflict in a smaller group setting	✓ Homework Club run on-site only by vetted school staff ✓ Attendance recorded daily; parents informed of procedures ✓ Supervision ratios consistent with school policy ✓ Club takes place in designated, visible areas of the school ✓ Movement around the school restricted; pupils use only designated toilets, near HW club room. ✓ Code of Behaviour, Anti-Bullying Policy and Child Safeguarding Statement apply in full ✓ Staff follow the school's reporting procedures and remain alert to any child-protection concerns ✓ Parents notified of collection arrangements; pupils released only to authorised adults

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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, with the consultation of all school staff on __20th November 2025__*. It will be reviewed as part of the school's annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.*

Signed _Mary Stanley_ Date: __20th November 2025__ Signed _David McCormack_ .Date: __20th November 2025__

Chairperson, Board of Management   **Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management**