

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

<b>List of School Activities</b>	<b>The School has identified the following Risk of Harm in respect of these activities.</b>	<b>The School has the following Procedures in place to address risk identified in this assessment</b>
Training of school personnel in Child Protection matters	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	Harm by school personnel	School has policy and clear procedures in place for one to one teaching Open doors Table between teacher and pupil unless outlined in an educational programme.
Care of Children with special needs, including intimate care needs	Harm by school personnel Bullying	The school has a Special Educational Needs policy #Policy on intimate care needs for children needs to be put in place Anti-bullying Policy
Toilet areas	Inappropriate behaviour / inadequate supervision	The school has a Supervision policy to ensure appropriate supervision of children in this area.
Curricular Provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay safe.	Non-teaching of same	School implements SPHE, RSE and Stay Safe in full. Stay Safe Programme at the beginning of Term 2 each year.
Use of toilet/changing areas in schools	Harm by another child/children Harm from a member of school personnel Inadequate supervision	Supervision Policy to ensure there is adequate supervision in these areas Anti-bullying Policy Code of behaviour for all children
Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils	Harm from another child/children	School has an Anti-Bullying Policy which fully adheres to the requirements of the Department's Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools

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Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils	Harm from older pupils, known and unknown adults on the playground	Playground supervised from 9.10am and dismissal supervised by teachers/SNAs
Managing of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of positive handling	Injury to pupils and staff	The school has a Health & Safety Policy The school has a Code Of Behaviour for all children # Policy on positive handling needs to be developed
Use of external personnel to supplement the curriculum and the use of external sport's coaches.	Harm to pupils	#The school will put in place a Policy & Procedures for the use of external sport's coaches and external persons to supplement the delivery of the curriculum.
Recreation breaks for pupils	Injury to children Bullying Inadequate supervision	The school has a Supervision policy The school has an Anti-Bullying Policy The school has a safety statement.
Classroom teaching	Harm by school personnel	Teaching council code of conduct in place. The school complies with the agreed disciplinary procedures for teaching staff.
Outdoor teaching activities	Inadequate supervision of children while attending out of school activities Risk of harm due to non-adherence or inconsistency in applying the Code of Behaviour	School has a Supervision Policy Code of Behaviour for all pupils
Sporting Activities	Harm by other students Inadequate supervision	Clear procedures in place for attending sporting activities Supervision policy
Administration of Medicine Administration of First Aid	Risk of incorrect/inappropriate medication being administered	Clear Policy and Procedures in place for administration of medication and first aid to pupils Designated, trained staff for the administration of specific medications

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Annual Sports Day	Harm by another child/children Harm from a member of school personnel Inadequate supervision	Supervision Policy School has clear procedures for Sports Day
Visitors entering School / school grounds	Harm to children from unknown persons	CCTV in school- signs outlining CCTV in use on display. New door security in place on all doors. Visitors must present to the office/ reception. Pupils must be signed out from their reception if leaving school premises. Any persons entering the school are allowed access by staff member and pupils then brought to office for collection. No unauthorised persons allowed on school grounds as indicated by warning signs at all entrances.
Fundraising events involving pupils	Inadequate supervision	Supervision policy
Use of off-site facilities for school activities	Inadequate supervision	Supervision policy
School transport arrangements including use of bus escorts	Harm from school personnel	School has procedures in place re use of school transport. Child Safeguarding Statement given to all staff, including bus escort.
<p>Care of pupils with specific vulnerabilities/ needs such as</p> <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> </ul>	Bullying	The school has an Anti-Bullying Policy which fully adheres to the requirements of the Departments Anti-Bullying Procedures. The school has in place a Code of Behaviour for all students.

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<p>Participation in Religious ceremonies external to the school</p> <p>Recruitment of school personnel including -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teachers</li> <li>• SNAs</li> <li>• Caretaker/Secretary/Cleaners</li> <li>• Sports coaches</li> <li>• External Tutors/Guest Speakers</li> <li>• Volunteers/Parents in school activities</li> </ul>	<p>Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel</p> <p>Harm not recognised or properly or promptly reported</p>	<p>The school has worked with local parish office to ensure altar servers consent forms completed by parents and that child safeguarding procedures are in place. School to be given list of names who are permitted.</p> <p>Child Safeguarding Statement &amp; DES procedures made available to all staff School adheres to the requirements of the Garda Vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in respect of recruitment</p> <p>Staff to view Tusla training module &amp; any other online training offered by PDST Vetting Procedures No external personnel allowed unsupervised access to pupils. Procedures in place for Parents / Volunteers</p>
<p>Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school including iPads and phones</p>	<p>Bullying Child inappropriately accessing social media while at school Inappropriate communications between child and another child or adult through use of phone/tablet/other device</p>	<p>AUP policy ( 2018) Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour NCTE controlled access levels to internet monitored by school management. Pupils not permitted mobile phones at school under school rules. Guest speakers on internet safety provided to pupils, parents and staff where possible.</p>
<p>Application of sanctions under the school's Code of Behaviour including detention of pupils, confiscation of phones etc.</p>	<p>Harm by school personnel</p>	<p>Staff adhere to procedures in Code of Behaviour</p>
<p>Students participating in work experience in the school</p>	<p>Inappropriate contact between child and student teacher Harm by student</p>	<p>School adheres to the requirements of the Garda Vetting legislation. The school has a Child Safeguarding Statement. Students will never be left unsupervised with a child or class.</p>

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Student teachers undertaking training placement in school	Inadequate supervision Inconsistency on the part of the student teacher in implementing the Code of Behaviour	Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all work experience students Work experience guidelines
Contractors / tradespeople employed or engaged by BOM working in school both during and after school hours	Harm not recognised or properly or promptly reported	School management should endeavour to ensure all work completed outside of school hours when pupils are not present. If necessary during school hours supervision to be in place.
After school use of school premises by other organisation.	N/A at moment	Procedures are in place from Patron body – St Senans education office
Use of video/photography/other media to record school events	Risk of harm by photographs/videos being circulated on social media	ICT policy and publishing of photographs/media Anti-bullying Policy Enrolment Registration Form
Changing into hurling / sports wear	Boys get changed in shed as has always happened. Parents may be around shed area at home collection time	Teachers may allow boys get changed in rooms if they wish. Boys and parents made aware of risk and reminded / encouraged to wear shorts to school under tracksuit. School to look at avoiding collection times when using shed as changing area.

**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 as per guidelines and ratified by the Board of Management of St Brendan's PS on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020. It will be reviewed as part of the school's annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

Signed Mr Pat Teehan

Date : 25/03/2020

Signed Mr Niall Crofton

Date : 25/03/2020

Chairperson, Board of Management

Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management