



## ST Killians School Risk Assessment 2023

### **Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment**

Written Assessment of Risk of St Killian's School. In accordance with section 11 of the Children First Act 2015 and with the requirement of Section 8.8 of the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017, the following is the Written Risk Assessment of St Killian's School.

#### **1. List of school activities**

- School trips to various locations in Cork
- Travel to and from school on School Transport
- Work with OT/SLT in school
- Visitors to the school
- Visiting psychologists and therapists
- Campus gates opening when traffic entering and leaving the site
- Toileting needs
- Training in/use of MAPA disengagement/handling techniques
- Swimming
- Yard Time

#### **2. The school has identified the following risk of harm in respect of its activities • 'Stranger Danger'**

- one to one work with children - risk of inappropriate behaviour
- risk of accusations of inappropriate behaviour
- risk of physical injury/inappropriate use of MAPA
- Being collected from school by wrong person
- Risk of leaving campus
- Risk of inappropriate behaviour between peers/bullying • Unannounced visitors

### **3. The school has the following procedures in place to address the risks of harm identified in this assessment:**

- Risk assessment prior to trips off campus with evaluation post-trip
- Teacher and SNA designated specific role in off campus trips
- Stay Safe
- Garda vetting for visiting therapists/psychologists
- Garda Vetting for all staff as required
- Intimate care policy for toileting
- MAPA training, used only in extreme cases as last resort and only when at least 2, preferably 3 members of staff present.
- Logging of MAPA use through critical incident form
- All children change themselves for swimming or parent attends to assist, SNAs/Staff with specific parental permission
- Toileting carried out with two members of staff present

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- First aid care carried out with two present if injury requires checking areas of the body
- All visitors signed in and out
- Children signed out if leaving early
- Fobs on doors to prevent exit without permission
- At least two adults on yard duty – high ratios for observation

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 risks 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 of St Killian's School on May 2022. It shall be reviewed as part of the school's annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

Signed: Sean Oakes Date: June 2023 Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed: Sue Lenihan Date: June 2023 Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management

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