

Written Assessment of Risk of Coláiste Iognáid S.J.

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 Coláiste Iognáid S.J.

1. List of school activities

1. Teaching & Learning
2. Work Experience (Transition Year)
3. Social Outreach (Transition Year)
4. Extra-curricular Activities – Rowing, Rugby, Hockey, Basketball, Gaelic, Mountaineering, Water polo, Swimming, Debating, after-school games club.
5. One-to-One Counselling/Guidance
6. School outings and overnight trips
7. Supervised study
8. Guest speakers
9. Fundraising – internal and external on behalf of charities.
10. Retreats
11. Exams

2. The school has identified the following risk of harm in respect of its activities -

The College identifies the following potential risks of harm from its activities

- Risk of harm not being identified or reported by school personal.
- Risk of harm from school employee or volunteer
- Risk of harm from a pupil (Bullying)
- Risk of harm from external agency worker counselling a pupil or working one-to-one with a student
- Risk of harm from a contractor.
- Risk of harm from bullying.
- Risk of harm in one-to-one teaching, counselling, and Visitors to the College who are giving workshops, guest talks.
- Risk of harm from social media and inappropriate use of information
- Risk of harm from inappropriate adult-student conversation and communication
- Risk of harm for inadequate supervision of school outings
- Risk of harm from peer-pressure
- Risk of harm to students with S.E.N.
- Risk of harm to students with intimate care needs

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

The Following procedures are in place to address risks of harm

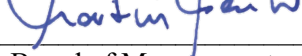
- All Teachers are vetted by the Teaching Council
- All SNA's, PME's, non-teaching staff, to be vetted through the JMB on appointment.
- All registered teachers appointed to the College to sign a Statutory Declaration.
- All volunteers who support curricular and extra-curricular activities to be vetted by JMB
- All doors to classrooms and offices to have glass panelling. (
- One –to -one teaching is officially timetabled where possible.
- All extra-curricular activities to involve two adults where possible.
- Hired coach drivers of the Colaiste Iognaid School Bus are vetted.


- Visitors Book to be signed by all visitors/contractors on entry to College
- Where an extra-curricular activity organises an exchange involving host families the College will vet families on behalf of the visiting students. Where our students are being hosted abroad in an officially sanctioned extra-curricular activity the child protection laws of that jurisdiction will apply.
- Talks, workshops, and demonstrations by invitees of the College to be accompanied by a teacher.
- The responsibility for vetting officials/professionals from D.E.S., N.E.P.S., E.W.O., H.S.E., S.E.C. etc. lies with those agencies. The B.O.M. will assume they are compliant with all vetting procedures as employees of the above named.
- All staff provided with a copy of the School's Child Safeguarding Statement
- D.E.S. Child Protection Procedures 2017 available on College website
- All Staff to be given a Child Protection Procedures summary
- School implements a full SPHE curriculum
- School provides supervision and substitution cover
- School has a Health and Safety Statement
- School has S.S.Ps (IEPs) and care plan for pupils with S.E.N and complex medical needs
- School has a policy for mainstream students working/visiting the ASD Unit
- School has Code of Behaviour
- School has anti-bullying policy
- School has I.C.T. policy
- School has Critical Incident Management Policy
- School has a policy with respect to outings (sporting/cultural/retreats)
- School staff have availed of relevant Child Protection training
- School has TY Work Experience guidelines
- School has TY Social Outreach guidelines
- Child Protection Oversight Report Presented at every ordinary board meeting

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 by the Board of Management on 15th January 2018. It was reviewed on 06th March 2019 as part of the school's annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

Signed  Date 6 May 2020
Chairperson, Board of Management

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Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management