

CSS1 – CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT AND RISK ASSESSMENT

Knockanean National School

Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment

For:	Knockanean National School	<i>(School Name)</i>
At:	c/o St Flannan's College , Ennis Co Clare	<i>(School Address)</i>

This school is a: (tick appropriate) ☒ primary ☐ post-primary ☐ special school

In accordance with the requirements of the Children First Act 2015, Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017, the Addendum to Children First (2019) and 2025, Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025 and Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice, 2nd ed. (Tusla, 2024), the Board of Management has adopted the Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment set out in this document.

The Board of Management has adopted and will implement fully and without modification the Department's Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025 as part of this overall Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment.

1. Designated Liaison Person

Name of the Designated Liaison Person (DLP): Jim Curran

2. Deputy Designated Liaison Person

Name of the Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP/DDLP): Crea Philips. In the absence of the DLP, the Deputy DLP shall assume the responsibilities of the DLP.

3. Relevant Person

Name of Relevant Person: Jim Curran (in schools, the Relevant Person is the DLP).

Relevant Person contact details: Tel; 065 6840088 Email: cnocanein@gmail.com.

Under the Children First Act 2015 Relevant Person means a person who is appointed by a provider of a relevant service to be the first point of contact in respect of the Child Safeguarding Statement. This person is nominated by the board of management to manage and provide oversight of child protection concerns/allegations of child abuse.

4. Name of Chairperson of the Board of Management, or in an ETB school the Chief Executive or their delegate:

Name of Chairperson of the Board of Management: Regina Monahan.

In the event that both the DLP and DDLP are absent and unavailable, and where there is no staff member formally acting in their role, the Chairperson of the Board of Management assumes the role of DLP, in accordance with the 2025 procedures.

5. Principles of best practice in child protection and welfare

The Board of Management recognises that child protection and welfare considerations permeate all aspects of school life and must be reflected in all of the school's policies, procedures, practices and activities. In all of these, the school will adhere to the following principles of best practice in child protection and welfare.

The school will:

- Recognise that the protection and welfare of children is of paramount importance, regardless of all other considerations;
- Fully comply with its statutory obligations under the Children First Act 2015 and other relevant legislation relating to the protection and welfare of children;
- Fully co-operate with the relevant statutory authorities in relation to child protection and welfare matters;
- Adopt safe practices to minimise the possibility of harm or accidents happening to children and protect workers from the necessity to take unnecessary risks that may leave themselves open to accusations of abuse or neglect;
- Develop a practice of openness with parents and encourage parental involvement in the education of their children; and

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- Fully respect confidentiality requirements in dealing with child protection matters as set out in the *Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025* in dealing with child protection matters.

The school will also adhere to the above principles in relation to any vulnerable adult

6. Procedures and measures in place

Our Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, the Children First: National Guidance 2017, and Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice, 2nd ed. (Tusla, 2024), and the Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025. In addition to the procedures listed in our risk assessment, the following procedures support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our service:

- The school implements the Department's Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025 fully and without modification.
- Procedure for the Management of Allegations of Abuse or Misconduct against School Personnel Relating to a Child Availing of Our Service
Where any member of school personnel is the subject of any investigation in respect of any act, omission or circumstance in relation to a child attending the school, the school is required to adhere to the relevant procedures set out in Chapter 7 of the Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025 and to the relevant agreed disciplinary procedures for school staff which are published on the gov.ie website.
- Procedure for the Safe Recruitment and Selection of School Personnel to Work With Children
 - The school is required to adhere to the requirements of the Vetting Act. The selection or recruitment of staff and their suitability to work with children, requires the school to adhere to the statutory vetting requirements of the National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Acts 2012 to 2016, and to the wider duty of care guidance set out in relevant Garda vetting and recruitment circulars published by the Department of Education and Youth and available on the gov.ie website and as outlined in Chapter 10 of the procedures.
 - A written protocol is in place authorising immediate action for cases which require an employee to be immediately absented from school for child safeguarding reasons.
- Procedure for Provision of and Access to Child Safeguarding Training and Information, Including the Identification of the Occurrence of Harm

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The school provides information and training to members of school personnel in relation to the identification of the occurrence of harm (as defined in the 2015 Act) as follows:

- The school has provided each member of school personnel, including any new members of school personnel, (employees and volunteers, Board of Management members, student teachers and those on work experience) with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment.
 - The school ensures that members of school personnel have availed of relevant training and completed child protection training.
 - The school encourages Board of Management members to avail of any relevant training and complete child protection training.
 - The Board of Management ensures that records of all staff and board member child protection training are maintained.
- Procedure for the Reporting of Child Protection or Welfare Concerns to Tusla
All members of school personnel are required to adhere to the procedures set out in the Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025, in relation to reporting of child protection concerns to Tusla. Mandated reporting applies to all registered teachers and any other mandated person who may be employed by the school, for example a chaplain or nurse. A full list of those people who are mandated persons is set out in Appendix 1 of the Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025
- Procedure for Maintaining a List of the Persons (if any) in the Relevant Service who Are Mandated Persons
There is a procedure in place to maintain a list of mandated persons. Schools may on occasion employ additional staff who are mandated by virtue of their profession. This list will include all registered teachers and identify additional employees that are not registered teachers.
- Procedure for Appointing a Relevant Person (In schools this person is the DLP)
There is a procedure in place for appointing a relevant person.

The various procedures referred to in this Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment can be accessed via the school's website, the gov.ie website or will be made available on request by the school.

In accordance with the Children First Act 2015, the Addendum to Children First 2019 and 2025, and the *Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025*, the Board of Management carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while attending the school or participating in school activities. A written assessment setting out the areas of risk identified and the school's procedures for managing those risks is included with the Child Safeguarding Statement.

- **Note: The procedures and measures in place outlined above, are not intended as exhaustive list. Individual boards of management shall also include in this section such other procedures and measures that are of relevance to the school.**

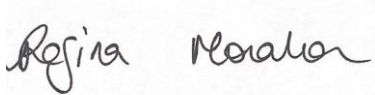
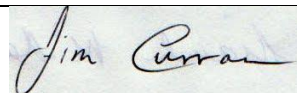
7. Publication and accessibility

This Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment will be published on the school's website or will be made available on request by the school. It will be provided to all members of school personnel, the Parents' Association, the patron and parents. A copy of this Statement and Risk Assessment will be made available to Tusla and the department if requested.

8. Review

This Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment will be reviewed annually or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which it refers.

This policy was formally adopted by the Board of Management on __Oct 5th 2026__

Signed:		Signed:	
Chairperson of Board of Management	Regina Monahan	Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management	Jim Curran
Date:	5/10/2026	Date:	5/10/2026

CHILD SAFEGUARDING RISK ASSESSMENT

Written Assessment of Risk of Knockanean National School

In accordance with section 11 of the Children First Act 2015 and the Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025, the following is the Written Risk Assessment of Knockanean National School. The assessment concerns the potential for harm to a child while attending the school or participating in school activities and is not a general health and safety risk assessment. In undertaking this Child Safeguarding Statement and 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.

School activity	Risk identified against each school activity	Procedures in place to mitigate risk
Training of school personnel in Child Protection matters	Harm not recognised or reported promptly	Child Safeguarding Statement & Department of Education procedures made available to all staff Staff members will acknowledge receipt of Knockanean National School's Child Safeguarding Statement, Knockanean National School Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment in writing. All school personnel are provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement DLP & DDLP attended Oide face to face training in New Procedures 2025 All staff attended Oide training in new procedures 2025 The Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025 are made available to all school personnel School Personnel are required to adhere to the Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025 and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the Children First Act 2015 The Addenda to Children First (2019 and 2025) is made available to all staff DLP/DDLP training and required child protection CPD to be maintained in accordance with the 2025 procedures DLP/DDLP to attend required Department/Oide child protection training

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		Staff to view Túsla training module & any other online training BOM records all records of staff and board training
One to one teaching	Harm by school personnel	School has policy in place for one to one teaching.. See Child Protection policy Parents are informed and provide written consent if children are withdrawn from class on a regular basis. Glass panels will not be obscured in any way. Window blinds, where fitted, will remain open during pupil contact time.
Care of Children with special needs, including intimate care needs	Harm by school personnel	Policy on intimate care
Toilet areas	Inappropriate behaviour	Supervision policy Only one pupil from each class permitted in the toilets. During recreation breaks: Pupils must get permission from the teacher on yard duty to enter the school to use designated toilets. Only one pupil at a time permitted in toilets. Teacher on supervision duty to monitor pupils entering the building.
Curricular Provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay safe.	Non-teaching of same	School implements SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe in full. Stay Safe taught throughout the school at the same time in second term. Parents informed beforehand.
Participation by pupils in religious ceremonies/religious instruction external to the school	Harm from other pupils Harm from other adults	Supervision Policy Field Trip Procedures Garda Vetting Policy Teachers to remain with pupils at all times Pupils will not be permitted to make their way to the church unaccompanied. Teachers will ensure there is effective supervision at all times both en route to and in the church. Where ceremonies are conducted outside of school time it is parents responsibility to ensure that there are suitable arrangements in place for getting pupils to and from the event location. Where ceremonies take place as part of a scheduled mass outside of

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		school time it is parents responsibility to ensure that their child/children are adequately supervised and that suitable arrangements are in place for getting pupils to and from the ceremony.
List of School Activities	The school has identified the following risk of harm in respect of its activities	The school has the following procedures in place to address the risks of harm identified in this assessment -
Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils	Harm from other pupil Harm from other adults	Arrival and dismissal supervised by Teachers. As detailed in our school Supervision Policy the BOM has a suitable yard/playground supervision rota (commencing at 8.45 am for assembly and finishing at 2.50pm for dismissal) to ensure appropriate supervision of children during, assembly and dismissal and recreation breaks. All adults are required to report to reception prior to entering the school building. Parents of pupils in classes from Rang 1 to Rang 6 must ensure they have satisfactory arrangements in place for the collection of pupils once they leave the school grounds at the end of the school day. Parents are reminded of this in the September and January newsletters. If an unknown adult comes to collect a child (e.g. a family friend, an aunt/uncle, a cousin, etc.) and the school has not been informed beforehand by a parent, the class teacher calls the parents to confirm the child has permission to go with that adult. If an adult appears to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol when they come to collect a child from school, they are not released by the class teacher. This would then be reported to the DLP or DDLP immediately In the event of being unable to contact the parent or nominated emergency contact the child will not be permitted to leave the school in the company of the adult.
Managing of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint	Injury to pupils and staff	Policy on physical intervention with pupils Health & Safety Policy Code Of Behaviour
Sports Coaches	Harm to pupils	Policy & Procedures in place. Garda Vetting policy Supervision Policy In line with our school's Health and Safety Statement:

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		Children are closely supervised by staff members during all school events in which visitors are invited to or are present in the school. Teachers to remain with outside coaches at all times.
Students participating in work experience	Harm by student teacher	Work experience Policy Garda Vetting policy Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk assessment. Teachers to remain with student teachers at all times
Recreation breaks for pupils	Harm from other pupils, Harm by school personnel	Supervision policy and Health and Safety policy. In line with our School Health & Safety Policy: The school has a suitable yard/playground supervision roster for both teaching staff and SNA's to ensure appropriate supervision of children during recreation breaks. Appointed adults wishing to collect a pupil during recreation time must report to reception.
Classroom teaching	Harm by school personnel Harm from other pupils,	Child Safeguarding Statement, Child Safeguarding Risk assessment & Department of Education procedures made available to all staff Glass viewing panels will not be obstructed in any way
School outings	Harm by school personnel Harm from other pupils, Harm from adults at the venue	School Tours Policy Field Trip Procedures Garda Vetting Policy
Outdoor teaching activities	Harm by school personnel Harm from other pupils,	Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment & Department of Education procedures made available to all staff
Sporting Activities	Harm by school personnel Harm from other pupils, Harm from adults at the venue	Supervision Policy Field Trip Procedures Garda Vetting Policy
Homework club	Harm by school personnel	Hire and use of school facilities policy Outside users have own insurance, signed contract stating the relevant Child protection procedures are in place. In line with our school's Use of the School Premises Policy: Individuals/groups using the facilities of Knockanean NS are required to put procedures in place to ensure that all children in their care are properly supervised at all times. This includes the supervision and care of pupils waiting beforehand and waiting to be collected afterwards. Outside users must appoint their own DLP

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		Responsibility lies solely with the individual/group using the premises for communicating with Parents about starting/finishing times, cancellations or re-scheduling. A contact number should be provided to parents. Access to the school will not be granted to any outside group for use during the school day, from 8.45am to 2.50 pm. In line with our school's Use of the School Premises Policy:
Annual Sports Day	Harm by school personnel Harm from other pupils, Harm from other adults at the venue	Supervision policy Health and Safety Policy All teachers will exercise their Duty of Care to pupils during sporting activities whether undertaken on site or off site. Teacher responsibilities in this regard are detailed in the aforementioned policies.
List of School Activities	The school has identified the following risk of harm in respect of its activities	The school has the following procedures in place to address the risks of harm identified in this assessment -
Fundraising events involving pupils	Harm by school personnel Harm from other pupils, Harm from other adults at the venue	Supervision Policy if in school. Pupils are the responsibility of their parents if outside of school hours.
School trips involving overnight stay	Harm by school personnel Harm from other pupils, Harm from adults at the venue	School Tours Policy Field Trip Procedures Garda Vetting Policy All accompanying adults must be Garda vetted by the school In the case of Inis Oirr we book out the hostel for ourselves for the night or nights we are there
Management of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint where required	Harm by school personnel	Supervision Policy Policy for Physical Intervention with Pupils Circular 0081/2024 Some pupils with serious difficulties may require more urgent action. Should these cases present, they will, with parent / guardian permission, be discussed with the relevant Special Needs Education Officer (SENO) and/or NEPS psychologist. This may lead to a more detailed behavioural management programme being implemented at home and or in class or to a referral for further specialist assessment. SNAs and support teachers

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		will follow educational plans for these particular students. This plan will be agreed with the parents / guardians. All teachers, SNAs and support teachers received training in best practice when restraining a child. The school will engage the services of the National Council for Special Education (NCSE) to support teaching and non teaching staff when required.
Administration of Medicine Administration of First Aid	Harm by school personnel	Administration of Medicine Policy Supervision policy Members of staff may administer medication to pupils only in cases where an indemnity form has been signed by the parents and agreed by the Principal/Chairperson of the Board of Management. In the event of Accident or Injury to a pupil: All staff will exercise their duty of care to pupils for the duration of the school day. Minor accidents/injuries will be treated by the relevant staff member in the presence/view of other pupil/s. Accidents/injuries that involve treatment of minor cuts, bumps etc that are not exposed will be treated in the presence of another staff member.
Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils	Harm from other pupils	Code of Behaviour Bí Cineálta Policy Anti Cyber Bullying Policy S.P.H.E Policy Supervision policy Mobile Phones Policy Acceptable Usage Policy Remote Learning Policy School Tours Policy Field Trip Policy Bí Cineálta policy is on our school website to inform parents. Promotion of a culture of openness and respect in which students can approach staff to discuss concerns and worries. Adequate supervision is provided to ensure codes of behaviour is being followed.
Use of external personnel to	Harm from other adults	Supervision policy

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supplement curriculum		Regular visitors to the school, e.g. external teachers, guest speakers, are vetted and a copy of their vetting (either hard copy or digital) is provided to the school. They must also provide a Statutory Declaration and Form of Undertaking Teachers to remain with external personnel at all times Where parents visit the school to take part or assist in school activities on a one off basis the responsibility for supervision and care of pupils rests with the relevant teacher. Where parents visit the school to take part or assist in school activities on regular basis they will be required to undergo vetting through Killaloe Diocesan Office.
Photographer	Harm from other adults	Garda Vetting Policy Supervision Policy Photographer and any assistants they may have with them must be Garda vetted by the school and a statutory declaration provided to the school.
Care of pupils with specific vulnerabilities/ needs such as •Pupil from ethnic minorities/migrants •Members of the Traveller community •Lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT) children •Pupils perceived to be LGBT •Pupils of minority religious faiths •Children in care •Children on CPNS	Harm by school personnel Harm from other pupils, Harm from adults at the venue	Code of Behaviour Anti Bullying Policy Anti Cyber Bullying Policy S.P.H.E Policy Supervision policy Mobile Phones Policy Acceptable Usage Policy Remote Learning Policy School Tours Policy Field Trip Procedures The school will be welcoming and caring towards the needs of pupils with specific vulnerabilities. As far as possible the pupil and parents will be involved in identification of his/her personal requirements, wishes, etc. A written copy of the parental agreement on matters will be kept on the pupils enrolment file. Parents will be notified of any changes from agreed procedures. At all times the dignity and privacy of the pupil will be paramount.
Visitors/contractors present during after school activities	Harm from adults	School Visitors Policy Supervision Policy Hire and use of school facilities policy

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		Visitors / Contractors report to the school office on arrival and if practicable work outside of school hours. In instances where they must be onsite during school time, children will be kept clear of their work area so that no interaction occurs.
List of School Activities	The school has identified the following risk of harm in respect of its activities	The school has the following procedures in place to address the risks of harm identified in this assessment -
Use of video/photography/other media to record school events	Bullying Harm from adults Harm from other pupils	Mobile Phones Policy Acceptable Usage Policy Remote Learning Policy Parents informed yearly that, photographs or videos of school events are for private, personal use only, and that they must not be uploaded to any website to be viewed by others (e.g. Facebook).
Recruitment of school personnel including - •Teachers •SNA's •Caretaker/Secretary/Cleaners •Sports coaches •External Tutors/Guest Speakers •Volunteers/Parents in school activities •Visitors/contractors present in school during school hours	Harm not recognised or properly or promptly reported Harm by school personnel Harm from adults at the venue	Child Safeguarding Statement & Department of Education procedures made available to all staff Staff to view Tusla training module & any other online training offered Vetting Policy School Visitors Policy Work experience Policy Garda Vetting policy Child Safeguarding Statement.
Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school	Bullying Harm from adults Harm from other pupils Risk of harm due to children inappropriately accessing/using computers, social media, phones and other devices while at school.	Anti Cyber Bullying Policy S.P.H.E Policy Supervision policy Mobile Phones Policy ICT Policy Acceptable Usage Policy Remote Learning Policy Access to internet is filtered by the PDST Technology in Education. All Filtering Levels are designed to block content of an illegal or

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		pornographic content. Our school has a level 3 filtering setting which blocks websites that are categorized as Personal such as blogs and Social Networking such as Flickr and Facebook. In line with our school's Acceptable Usage Policy: Internet sessions will always be supervised by a teacher. If there is no teacher in the room, access to the Internet is prohibited. In line with school Policy on Use of Mobile Phones: Any pupil found in possession of a phone during the school day will have the phone confiscated and it will remain so until it is collected, in person, by a parent/guardian. See Acceptable Usage Policy for more details. See Remote Learning Policy See Agree to Agree agreement between home and school Every two years the school organises for Dr Maureen Griffen to speak with 5th & 6th classes on Internet Safety
After school use of school premises by other organisations. Morning Club , Homework Club)	Bullying Harm from adults Harm from other pupils	Outside users have own insurance, signed contract stating the relevant Child protection procedures are in place. In line with our school's Use of the School Premises Policy: Individuals/groups using the facilities of Knockanean NS are required to put procedures in place to ensure that all children in their care are properly supervised at all times. This includes the supervision and care of pupils waiting beforehand and waiting to be collected afterwards. Responsibility lies solely with the individual/Group using the premises for communicating with Parents about Starting/Finishing times, Cancellations or re-scheduling. A contact number should be provided to parents. Access to the school will not be granted to any outside group for use during the school day, from 9.00am to 2.40pm. In line with our school's Use of the School Premises Policy:
Application of sanctions under the school's Code of Behaviour including detention of pupils, confiscation of phones etc.	Harm by school personnel	Supervision Policy. All detentions will take place in a designated classroom at lunchtime, which is supervised by a teacher.
Late drop-offs, early collection, late	Risk of child being harmed in	In line with our School Attendance Policy:

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pick up.	the school by another adult.	Latecomers must be logged on Aladdin Early Leavers must be signed out by an appointed adult. The appointed adult must wait in the reception area while Madge gets their child. Significant concerns in relation to timekeeping are reported to the Education Welfare Officer. Children's attendance at school will be monitored with an explanation required for any missed days. Significant attendance concerns are reported to the Education Welfare Officer by means of individual referral.
List of School Activities	The school has identified the following risk of harm in respect of its activities	The school has the following procedures in place to address the risks of harm identified in this assessment -
Hand-over of children to an appointed adult at Infant collection time (1.40pm).	Risk of child being harmed in the school by another adult	Names and contact numbers of adults who have permission to collect each child are provided by parents on enrolment and stored on our school online data-base. It is the responsibility of parents to inform the school of any change to same. Children are lined up in the school corridor/classroom brought to the school yard and released to their appointed adult. If an unknown adult comes to collect a child (e.g. a family friend, an aunt/uncle, a cousin, etc.) and the school has not been informed beforehand by a parent, the class teacher calls the parents to confirm the child has permission to go with that adult. If an adult appears to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol when they come to collect a child from school, they are not released by the class teacher. This would then be reported to the DLP or DDLP immediately
List of School Activities	The school has identified the following risk of harm in respect of its activities	The school has the following procedures in place to address the risks of harm identified in this assessment -
Interaction with visitors to the school/external coaches.	Risk of child being harmed in the school by another adult	Visitors and external coaches must check in at the office before accessing the building. Regular visitors to the school, e.g. external teachers, guest speakers, are vetted and a copy of their vetting (either hard copy or digital) is provided to the school. Persons administering external programmes (e.g. GAA coaches etc)

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		through another body will provide the school with confirmation of vetting from their relevant organization and a copy of any appropriate insurance. A joint agreement will also be signed between the school and the organization. In line with our school's Health and Safety Statement: Children are closely supervised by staff members during all school events in which visitors are invited to or are present in the school.
School transport arrangements	Risk from other adults.	School Tours Policy Field Trip Procedures Garda Vetting Policy Pupils will not be permitted to board or remain on a bus without teacher supervision. The school shall receive confirmation from any service provider that their employees are suitably vetted.
Swimming	Risk from other kids Risk from other adults	Supervision Policy Swimming Policy Mobile Phones Policy Acceptable Usage Policy Field Trip Procedures Code of Behaviour Anti- Bullying Policy
Changing in classrooms for plays/sports	Risk from other adults Risk from other pupils	Supervision Policy
Child not collected from after school activities	Risk from other pupils Risk from other adults	Use of the school premises policy Supervision policy In the case of school related activities, all parents are made aware of the finishing time of activities and that pupils must be collected on time. If a pupil is not collected on time the teacher(s) in charge must make contact with the parents/emergency contact number. Individuals/groups using the facilities of Knockanean NS are required to put procedures in place to ensure that all children in their care are properly supervised at all times. This includes the supervision and care of pupils waiting beforehand and waiting to be collected afterwards. Responsibility lies solely with the individual/Group using the premises

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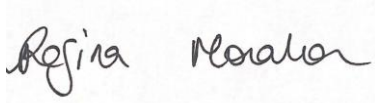
		for communicating with Parents about Starting/Finishing times, Cancellations or re-scheduling. A contact number should be provided to parents.
Storage or publication of photos of children	Risk of pupil images being accessed and used inappropriately	In line with the school Data Protection Policy: •Parental consent to take photos of children is obtained by the school on enrolment and is stored in the child's file •Is the responsibility of the class teacher to make themselves aware of any children in his or her class who do not have permission to be in school photos •Photos taken by staff are removed from personal devices after being sent to school. •Photos are stored securely on the school storage space. •Children's names are not published with photos uploaded to the school website or class blogs. •Children are not permitted to use electronic devices (e.g. iPads, cameras, personal devices) unless under the supervision of an adult and for educational purposes. •Children are not permitted to use camera phones/digital devices during the school day or at school events unless permitted by the school.
Data Protection	Risk of personal information regarding pupils being accessed and used inappropriately	In line with the school's Data Protection Policy: Confidential documents relating to children in the school are stored securely in the school. Hard copies are stored in locked filing cabinets in the office/classrooms. Soft copies are stored in a secure online database. A password is required to access the documents. Documents are shared with staff on a need to know basis.
Student teachers undertaking training placement in school.	Risk of harm by another adult.	Policy on Students on Teaching Placement: Prior to accepting a student on teaching placement it is the responsibility of said student to provide the school with: Written verification that the placement is supported by and indemnified by the college in which the student is attending. Confirmation that Knockanean National Schools vetting obligations (as per DES circular 0031/2016 and 0016/2017) will be complied with in

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		advance of commencing teaching placement. Teachers to remain with the class at all times.
Children going on messages throughout the school	Harm from other pupils Harm from other adults	Supervision Policy
Pupils in classrooms before school	Harm from other pupils Harm from other adults	Supervision Policy
Online/remote teaching and learning	Bullying Neglect Harm from adults Harm from other pupils Risk of harm due to children inappropriately accessing/using computers, social media, phones and other devices while at home.	Anti Cyber Bullying Policy S.P.H.E Policy Mobile Phones Policy ICT Policy Acceptable Usage Policy Distance Learning Policy Class teachers to monitor those pupils who have not engaged and to follow up with a phone call to the parents. Teacher to log efforts made to get parents/pupils to engage. Report any concerns to DLP or DDLP Every two years the school organises for Dr Maureen Griffen to speak with 5th & 6th classes on Internet Safety
On the campus of St Flannan's college	Harm from other pupils Harm from other adults	Supervision Policy Bí Cineálta Policy Code of Behaviour See daily arrival and dismissal of pupils above Walking bus in place morning and evening with four teachers. Pupils are collected at the bus stop in the morning and walked through the campus to the school. Any pupils dropped by car at the bus stop also join the walking bus. Pupils are walked back to the bus again in the evening. Infant teachers walk the pupils to the bus at 1:40 St Flannan's pupils and staff use a separate entrance to our pupils in the shared building

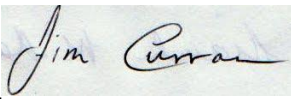
Risk in the context of this Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment is the risk of 'harm' as defined in the Children First Act 2015 and not general health and safety risk. The definition of harm is set out in the Children First Act 2015: 'harm' means, in relation to a child— (a) assault, ill-treatment or neglect of the child in a manner that seriously affects or is likely to seriously affect the child's health, development or welfare, or (b) sexual abuse of the child, whether caused by a single act, omission or circumstance or a series or combination of acts, omissions or circumstances, or otherwise.

This Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment was reviewed by the board of management on Oct 5th 2026 (most recent review date).

Signed:  _____

Date: ____5th Oct 2026_____

Chairperson of the Board of Management

Signed:  _____

Date: _____5th Oct 2026_____

Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management

This Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment is expected to be reviewed again in February 2027

Appendix - Location of copies of the Child Protection Procedures and Children First Guidance

This may be in the form of specifying the online location for the procedures (Department of Education and Youth website www.gov.ie/childprotectionschoois and/or the school website) providing a link to the Children First National Guidance 2017. Children First National Guidance 2017 pdf, and stating the number and location of hard copies of these procedures available in the school.

Online location for the procedures can be found in a link on our school website.

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Children First National Guidance 2017 pdf, can be found in a link on our school website and on Aladdin for all staff. Every room has a hard copy of this booklet (20 in total) and each staff member has a access to it on Aladdin