

*Scoil Náisiúnta Mainistir Mhuigh Éo, Mayo Abbey N.S., Claremorris, Co. Mayo*

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

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
Training of school personnel in Child Protection matters	High	Harm not recognised or reported promptly	Child Safeguarding Statement and DES procedures made available to all staff  DLP & DDLP to attend PDST face to face training  All Staff to view Túsla training module and/or any other online training offered by PDST  BOM will attend CPSMA training  BOM records all records of staff and board training
One to one teaching/supervision	Med	Harm by school personnel	School has plan in place for one to one teaching addressed in Supervision and SEN policy  Vision Panel on classroom door  Glass in hallway windows
Care of Children with special needs, including intimate care needs	High	Harm by school personnel	Intimate care/Toileting policy needs addressed in Supervision policy
Toilet areas	High	Inappropriate behaviour	Supervision policy
Curricular Provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe	Med	Non-teaching of same	School implements SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe in full
LGBT Children/Pupils perceived to be LGBT	Low	Bullying	Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour

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Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils	Med	Harm from older pupils, unknown adults on the playground	Arrival and dismissal supervised by Teachers addressed in Supervision policy
Managing of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint	High	Injury to pupils and staff	Restraint Policy Code Of Behaviour
Sports Coaches	Med	Harm to pupils	Code of Practice addressed in Supervision policy Child Safeguarding Statement
Students participating in work experience	Low	Harm by student	Code of Practice addressed in Supervision policy Child Safeguarding Statement
Student teachers undertaking training placement in school	Med	Harm to pupils	Code of Practice addressed in Supervision policy Child Safeguarding Statement
Recreation breaks for pupils	High	Harm to pupils	Addressed in Supervision policy
Classroom teaching	Low	Harm to pupils	The children are supervised at all times by the class teacher. If the teacher is absent from the room for a short period, then another teacher is asked to supervise. If a teacher is called from his/her classroom to meet with a parent, another member of staff may be released to cover. However, it is school policy to request parents to make appointments.
Outdoor teaching activities	Low	Harm to pupils	The children are supervised at all times by the class teacher.
Sporting Activities	Med	Injury to pupils and staff	The children are supervised at all times by the class teacher. Code of Practice for coaches addressed in Supervision policy Child Safeguarding Statement

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Swimming	High	Harm to pupils Inappropriate behaviour	Swimming Policy
School outings	Med	Harm to pupils and staff	Addressed in Supervision Policy
Serving Mass during school hours	Med	Harm to pupils Unknown adults	All children who serve mass must have parental permission to do so. Children will be accompanied to and from the church by a member of staff. <b>The Parish Child Protection Policy</b> is available at Mayo Abbey Parish Church with separate consent form.
School transport arrangements	Med	Harm to pupils	Staff members will not carry children in their cars. Parents will not carry children, other than their own, to school events. For out of school activities, children will travel by bus under supervision of school staff.
Administration of Medicine Administration of First Aid	High	Harm or injury to pupils	Administration of Medicine Policy Accident Policy
Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils	High	Bullying	Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour
Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum	Med	Harm to pupils	Code of Practice addressed in Supervision policy Child Safeguarding Statement
Care of pupils with specific vulnerabilities/needs such as <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></ul>	Low	Bullying	Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children in care</li> <li>• Children on CPNS (Child Protection Notification System)</li> </ul>			
<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> <li>• Visitors/contractors present in school during school hours</li> <li>• Visitors/contractors present during after school activities</li> </ul>	High	Harm not recognised or properly or promptly reported	<p>Child Safeguarding Statement &amp; DES procedures made available to all staff</p> <p>Staff to view Tusla training module and/or any other online training offered by PDST</p> <p>Vetting Procedures</p> <p>Visitor and Contractors will not be alone with children at any time.</p>
Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school	High	Bullying	<p>Acceptable Usage policy</p> <p>Anti-Bullying Policy</p> <p>Code of Behaviour</p>
Use of video/photography/other media to record school events	High	<p>Bullying</p> <p>Harm to Pupils</p> <p>Inappropriate behaviour</p>	<p>Acceptable Usage policy</p> <p>Anti-Bullying policy</p>
After school use of school premises by other organisations			

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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 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 \_\_\_\_\_. It will be reviewed as part of the school’s annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Chairperson, Board of Management**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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