**Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment**

**Written Assessment of Risk of St Francis Xavier Senior School**

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 St. Francis Xavier Senior School.

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| **List of School Activities** | **Risk Level** | **The School has identified the following risk of harm in respect of its activities:-** | **The school has the following procedures in place to address risk identified in this assessment: -** |
| Training of school personnel in Child Protection matters | High | If harm is not recognised nor reported promptly. | Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures are made available to all staff.  DLP& DDLP attended PDST training.  DLP & BoM member attended the CPSMA training seminars.  All Staff have completed the Tusla training module & will complete any other online training offered by PDST.  A record of all staff and Board training is maintained.  Code of Behaviour  Anti Bullying Policy |
| Toilet areas | High | Inappropriate behaviour | Health & Safety Policy |
| Curricular Provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay safe. | Med | Non-teaching of same | SFX school implements SPHE, RSE and Stay Safe programmes. |
| **List of School Activities** | **Risk Level** | **The School has identified the following risk of harm in respect of its activities:-** | **The school has the following procedures in place to address risk identified in this assessment: -** |
| Managing of challenging behaviour amongst pupils. | High | Injury to pupils and staff | Health & Safety Policy  Supervision Policy  Code Of Behaviour |
| Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils | High | Harm from other pupils, unknown adults on the playground  Traffic on school grounds  Inappropriate behaviour | Arrival and Dismissal Procedures  Supervision Policy Teachers/SNAs  Car Parking Policy  Health & Safety Policy |
| Recreation breaks for pupils | High | Injury to pupils/Bullying  Harm not recognised or properly or promptly reported | Supervision Policy  Health & Safety Policy  Code Of Behaviour |
| Classroom teaching | Low | Harm to pupils | Vetting procedures  Code of Behaviour  Anti Bullying Policy  Supervision Policy  Child Protection Training  Teaching Council Code of Professional Conduct |
| **List of School Activities** | **Risk** | **The School has identified the following Risk of Harm** | **The School has the following Procedures in place to address risk identified in this assessment.** |
| Outdoor teaching activities | Med | Harm to pupils | Child Protection Training  Supervision Policy  Code of Behaviour |
| Sporting Activities | High | Harm to pupils | Child Protection Training  Supervision Policy  Code of Behaviour  Health & Safety Policy |
| School Visitors | Med | Harm to pupils | Garda Vetting Procedures  Supervision Policy |
| EducationalTrips/SchoolTours/Annual Sports Day/Sporting Events | High | Transport to and from sporting venues.  Unknown adults at competition venue. | School Tours/Fieldtrips procedures in place |
| Volunteers/Parents | Med | Harm to pupils | Vetting Procedures |
| Administration of First Aid | Med | Harm to pupils | Health & Safety Policy |
| **List of School Activities** | **Risk** | **The School has identified the following Risk of Harm** | **The School has the following Procedures in place to address risk identified in this assessment.** |
| Administration of Medicine | Med | Harm to pupils | Health & Safety Policy |
| Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils | High | Harm to pupils | Anti Bullying Policy  Code of Behaviour |
| Care of pupils with specific vulnerabilities/ needs such as   * Pupils from ethnic minorities/migrants * Members of the Traveller community * Pupils of minority religious faiths * Vulnerable Children | High | Harm to pupils | Stay Safe Programme  Anti Bullying Policy  Code of Behaviour  Internet Safety Policy |
| Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school | High | Bullying  Staff not following policies & procedures | Internet Safety Policy  Internet Safety Contract for pupils and parents  Anti-Bullying Policy  Code of Behaviour |
| Online Teaching & Learning | High | Inappropriate Behaviour Online | Remote teaching guidelines are in place and have been communicated to staff, pupils and parents. |
| Application of sanctions under the school’s Code of Behaviour | Med | Harm to pupils | Code of Behaviour  Supervision Policy |
| Students participating in work experience in the school | Med | Harm to pupils | Work Experience Policy |
| Use of video/photography/other media to record school events | Med | Harm to pupils | Parental Permission Required  Internet Safety Policy |

**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.

In line with new Department of Education requirements, this risk assessment was most recently reviewed by the Board of Management on 18th January 2022. It will be reviewed as part of the school’s annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

Signed: John Mitchell

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Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed: Adrienne Darby

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