



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.

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.	<p>Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures are made available to all staff.</p> <p>DLP & DDLP attended PDST training.</p> <p>DLP & BoM member attended the CPSMA training seminars.</p> <p>All Staff have completed the Tusla training module & will complete any other online training offered by PDST.</p> <p>A record of all staff and Board training is maintained.</p> <p>Code of Behaviour Anti Bullying Policy</p>
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.
Managing of challenging behaviour amongst pupils.	High	Injury to pupils and staff	<p>Health & Safety Policy</p> <p>Supervision Policy</p> <p>Code Of Behaviour</p>

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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
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

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Educational Trips / School Tours / 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
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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 10th September 2025. It will be reviewed as part of the school’s annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

Signed: 
Chairperson, Board of Management

Date: 10th September 2025

Signed: 
Principal

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