

**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	<p>Child Safeguarding Statement &amp; DES procedures made available to all staff</p> <p>DDL P to attend PDST face to face training as has no previous training. DLP has attended previous training. All Staff to view Tús la training module &amp; any other online training offered by PDST</p> <p>BOM records all records of staff and board training</p>
One to one teaching	Med	Harm by school personnel	<p>Child Safeguarding Statement &amp; DES procedures made available to all staff</p> <p>Staff to view Tusla training module &amp; any other online training offered by PDST</p> <p>School aims to put in place a policy for one to one teaching in the future.</p> <p>Open doors policy for other teachers/pupils</p> <p>New doors in school will have a glass panel very soon</p>
Care of Children with special needs, including intimate care needs	High	Harm by school personnel	Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff

			<p>All teaching staff to have 'Child Protection procedures for Primary and Post Primary schools 2017' document on their laptops to enable easy access.</p> <p>Staff to view Tusla training module &amp; any other online training offered by PDST</p>
Toilet areas	High	Inappropriate behaviour	Usage and supervision policy
Curricular Provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay safe.	Med	Non-teaching of same	School implements SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe in full
Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils	Med	Harm from older pupils, unknown adults on the playground	Arrival of children supervised by a Teacher in the school hall from 09.00am (20 mins before school start time) and until all children are collected at hometime. Parents are advised that children are unsupervised until 09.00am.
Recreation breaks for children twice daily. Small break – 11.15am Lunch – 1.15pm	Med	Harm from older pupils, unknown adults on the playground	1 teacher on the yard at both breaks and 1 SNA. Supervision of pupils procedure.
Managing of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint	High	Injury to pupils and staff	Health & Safety Policy Code Of Behaviour
Sports Coaches	Med	Harm to pupils	<b>Policy &amp; Procedures to be put in place in the near future.</b> Garda vetting asked for before coaching can commence.
Classroom teaching	Low	Harm by school personnel	Open doors policy for other teachers/pupils Other pupils in class

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Outdoor teaching activities	High	Injury to pupils	Health & Safety Policy Code Of Behaviour
Sporting Activities	High	Harm from older pupils, unknown adults	School aims to put in place a Sports policy in the near future.
School outings	High	Harm from older pupils, unknown adults	Teacher/pupil ratio Supervision of pupils at all times by school personnel
Annual Sports Day	High	Harm from older pupils, unknown adults	School aims to put in place a Sports day policy in the near future.
Fundraising events involving pupils	High	Harm from older pupils, unknown adults	Fundraising events outside of school hours, children are supervised by parents/guardians
Swimming	High	Harm from older pupils, pool instructors, school personnel, bus driver	Aquatics Policy is in place in the school. Health & Safety Policy Code Of Behaviour Teacher/pupil ratio Supervision of pupils at all times by school personnel
Administration of First Aid	High	Harm to child Injury to pupils	Permission to use items from first aid box given on enrolment form Incident report sheet No administration of medicine permitted in school
Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils	High	Failure to deal with bullying Bullying	Anti-bullying Policy Code of Discipline All teaching staff to record and document all incidents
Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum e.g. substitute teachers,	Med	Harm by school personnel	Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to anyone entering the school

facilitators of courses, workshops etc.			
Recruitment of school personnel including - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teachers</li> <li>• SNA's</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	Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff  Staff to view Tusla training module & any other online training offered by PDST  Vetting Procedures  Policy on Visiting Contractors not currently in place.
Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school	High	Bullying	No phones/ children's personal technology allowed in school School technology blocking unsuitable websites to be clarified Youtube video/ any video checked by school personnel before children watch it
Student teachers undertaking training placement in school	High	Harm by school personnel	Child Safeguarding Statement & DES procedures made available to all staff  Policy on students requiring teaching practice in place. Must be Garda vetted.  Staff to view Tusla training module & any other online

			training offered by PDST
Use of video/photography/other media to record school events	High	Inappropriate use or inappropriate comments	School enrolment form offers parents the option to opt their children out of having their photograph taken and potentially used on school website and Facebook page.

**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 of Light of Christ National School. 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