



**Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment**

**Written Assessment of Risk of Brittas NS St Martins NS  
- 18173H**

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 (revised 2023), the following is the Written Risk Assessment of Brittas NS, Brittas, Co Dublin D24 WK77.

<b>I. List of School Activities</b>	<b>II. The school has identified the following risks of harm in respect of these activities.</b>	<b>III. The school has the following procedures in place to address the risks of harm identified in their assessment.</b>
	<i>We recognise that though not specifically listed in all risk areas, the risk of harm identified in one area is also possible in other areas listed.</i>	
<b>1. Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils</b>	<b>2. Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils</b>  Member of staff harms child in their care.  A person unknown to the child at the school is collecting or dropping off.	<b>1. Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils</b>  All teachers must be vetted with the Teaching Council and have provided Garda Vetting. They shall all have a copy of the Child Protection Statement to hand and be informed of the DLP and Deputy DLP. All teachers will

		maintain reasonable and effective supervision of the children in their care.
<b>2. Yard Breaks</b>	<b>3. Yard Breaks</b>  Member of Staff harms a child in our care  Another pupil/s harm a child in our care	<b>3. Yard Breaks</b>  All teachers must be vetted with the Teaching Council and have provided Garda Vetting. They shall all have a copy of the Child Protection Statement to hand and be informed of the DLP and Deputy DLP. All teachers will maintain reasonable and effective supervision of the children in their care.
<b>3. In-Class Teaching &amp; Learning</b>	<b>3. In-Class Teaching &amp; Learning</b>  Member of Staff harms a child in their care  A Student Teacher/Work Placement Student harms a child in our care  Another pupil/s harms a child in our care	<b>4. In-Class Teaching &amp; Learning</b>  All teachers must be vetted with the Teaching Council and have provided Garda Vetting. They shall all have a copy of the Child Protection Statement to hand and be informed of the DLP and Deputy DLP. All teachers will maintain reasonable and effective supervision of the children in their care.
<b>4. One to one teaching</b>	<b>4. One to one teaching</b>  Member of staff harms a child while in our care.	<b>4. One to one teaching</b>  All teachers must be vetted with the Teaching Council and have provided Garda Vetting. They shall all have a copy of the Child Protection Statement to hand and be informed of the DLP and Deputy DLP. All teachers will maintain reasonable and effective supervision of the children in their care.

<p><b>5.Outside School Teaching &amp; Learning</b></p>	<p><b>5.Outside School Teaching &amp; Learning</b></p> <p>Member of the Public harms a child in our care</p> <p>Workshop Instructor/Speaker (Non-Employee) harms a child in our care</p> <p>Member of our own staff harms a child in our care.</p>	<p><b>5. One to one teaching</b></p> <p>All teachers must be vetted with the Teaching Council and have provided Garda Vetting. They shall all have a copy of the Child Protection Statement to hand and be informed of the DLP and Deputy DLP.. All teachers will maintain reasonable and effective supervision of the children in their care.</p>
<p><b>6.Sporting Activities</b></p>	<p><b>6. Sporting Activities</b></p> <p>Member of Staff harms a child in our care.</p> <p>Another pupil/s harm a child in our care.</p> <p>A member of the sporting body in which we are engaging harms a child in our care.</p> <p>Member of the public harms a child in our care</p>	<p><b>6. Sporting Activities</b></p> <p>All teachers must be vetted with the Teaching Council and have provided Garda Vetting. They shall all have a copy of the Child Protection Statement to hand and be informed of the DLP and Deputy DLP. All teachers will maintain reasonable and effective supervision of the children in their care.</p>
<p><b>7. School outings</b></p>	<p><b>7. School outings</b></p> <p>Member of Staff harms a child in our care.</p> <p>Another pupil/s harm a child in our care.</p> <p>A member of staff of the venue we are attending causes harm to a child in our care.</p>	<p><b>7. School outings</b></p> <p>All teachers must be vetted with the Teaching Council and have provided Garda Vetting. They shall all have a copy of the Child Protection Statement to hand and be informed of the DLP and Deputy DLP. All teachers will maintain reasonable and effective supervision of the children in their care.</p>

	<p>Member of the public harms a child in our care</p>	
<p><b>8. Use of toilet/changing areas</b></p>	<p><b>8. Use of toilet/changing areas</b></p> <p>Member of Staff harms a child in our care</p>	<p><b>8. Use of toilet/changing areas</b></p> <p>All teachers must be vetted with the Teaching Council and have provided Garda Vetting. They shall all have a copy of the Child Protection Statement to hand and be informed of the DLP and Deputy DLP. All teachers will maintain reasonable and effective supervision of the children in their care. See also the school Intimate Care policy.</p>
<p><b>9. Fundraising events.</b></p>	<p><b>9. Fundraising events.</b></p> <p>Member of Staff harms a child in our care</p> <p>Another pupil/s harm a child in our care.</p> <p>A Parent harms a child in our care.</p> <p>Member of the public harms a child in our care</p>	<p><b>9. Fundraising events.</b></p> <p>All teachers must be vetted with the Teaching Council and have provided Garda Vetting. They shall all have a copy of the Child Protection Statement to hand and be informed of the DLP and Deputy DLP. All teachers will maintain reasonable and effective supervision of the children in their care. <i>The PA to incorporate their own child protection policy.</i></p>
<p><b>10 Use of off-site facilities for school activities</b></p>	<p><b>10 Use of off-site facilities for school activities</b></p> <p>Member of Staff harms a child in our care</p> <p>Another pupil/s harm a child in our care</p>	<p><b>10 Use of off-site facilities for school activities</b></p> <p>All facilitators must have provided Garda Vetting. The venue's CSS shall be made available to the school.</p>

	Member of the public harms a child in our care	
<b>11. Care of children with educational needs and intimate care.</b>	<p><b>11. Care of children with educational needs and intimate care.</b></p> <p>Member of Staff harms a child in our care</p> <p>Another pupil/s harm a child in our care</p>	<p><b>11. Care of children with educational needs and intimate care.</b></p> <p>All teachers/SNAs must be vetted with the Teaching Council and have provided Garda Vetting. They shall all have a copy of the Child Protection Statement to hand and be informed of the DLP and Deputy DLP All teachers will maintain reasonable and effective supervision of the children in their care. See also the school Intimate Care policy and the School's Special Needs Policy</p>
<b>12. Management of behaviour where physical restraint/flight risk is possible.</b>	<p><b>12. Management of behaviour where physical restraint/flight risk is possible.</b></p> <p>Member of Staff harms a child in our care</p>	<p><b>12. Management of behaviour where physical restraint/flight risk is possible.</b></p> <p>All teachers/SNAs must provided Garda Vetting. They shall all have a copy of the Child Protection Statement to hand and be informed of the DLP and Deputy DLP. <i>See also schools Positive handling policy (to be completed.)</i></p>
<b>13. Administration of medicines.</b>	<p><b>13. Administration of medicines.</b></p> <p>Member of Staff harms a child in our care</p>	<p><b>13. Administration of medicines</b></p> <p>All teachers must be vetted with the Teaching Council and have provided Garda Vetting. They shall all have a copy of the Child Protection Statement to hand and be informed of the DLP and Deputy DLP. All teachers will maintain reasonable and effective supervision of the children in their</p>

		care. See also schools' Administration of medicines policy.
<b>14 Administration of First Aid</b>	<p><b>14 Administration of First Aid</b></p> <p>Member of Staff harms a child in our care</p> <p>Another pupil/s harm a child in our care</p>	<p><b>14 Administration of First Aid</b></p> <p>All teachers must be vetted with the Teaching Council and have provided Garda Vetting. They shall all have a copy of the Child Protection Statement to hand and be informed of the DLP and Deputy DLP. All teachers will maintain reasonable and effective supervision of the children in their care. See also the school Health and safety policy.</p>
<b>15. Curricular provision in suspect of SPHE/RSE/Stay Safe</b>	<p><b>15. Curricular provision in suspect of SPHE/RSE/Stay Safe</b></p> <p>Member of Staff harms a child in our care</p> <p>Another pupil/s harm a child in our care</p> <p>Risk of harm due to inappropriate relationship/communication between child and adult or another child.</p>	<p><b>15. Curricular provision in suspect of SPHE/RSE/Stay Safe</b></p> <p>See SPHE Curricular Area.</p>
<b>16. Prevention and dealing with Bullying amongst pupils.</b>	<p><b>16. Prevention and dealing with Bullying amongst pupils</b></p> <p>Member of Staff harms a child in our care</p>	<p><b>16. Prevention and dealing with Bullying amongst pupils.</b></p> <p>All teachers must be vetted with the Teaching Council and have provided Garda Vetting. They shall all have a copy of the Child Protection Statement to hand and</p>

	Another pupil/s harm a child in our care	be informed of the DLP and Deputy DLP. All teachers will maintain reasonable and effective supervision of the children in their care. See also the school's Anti-Bullying policy and Code of Behaviour policy.
<b>17 Training of school personnel in child protection matters</b>	<p><b>17 Training of school personnel in child protection matters</b></p> <p>Lack of awareness training regarding children in our care.</p> <p>Risk of harm not being reported correctly</p>	<p><b>17 Training of school personnel in child protection matters</b></p> <p>All staff will undertake Tulsa training in Child Safeguarding. All teachers will maintain reasonable and effective supervision of the children in their care.</p>
<b>18. Use of external personnel to supplement the curriculum</b>	<p><b>18. Use of external personnel to supplement the curriculum</b></p> <p>Member of Staff harms a child in our care</p> <p>Another pupil/s harm a child in our care</p> <p>External personnel harms a child in our care</p>	<p><b>18. Use of external personnel to supplement the curriculum.</b></p> <p>All visiting teachers must have provided Garda Vetting. They shall all have a copy of the Child Protection Statement to hand and be informed of the DLP and Deputy DLP.</p>
<b>19. Use of external personnel to supplement sports and extracurricular activity.</b>	<p><b>19. Use of external personnel to supplement sports and extracurricular activity.</b></p>	<p><b>19. Use of external personnel to supplement sports and extracurricular activity.</b></p> <p>All external personnel provided Garda Vetting. They shall all have a copy of the Child Protection Statement to hand and</p>

	<p>Member of Staff harms a child in our care</p> <p>Another pupil/s harm a child in our care</p> <p>External personnel harms a child in our care</p>	be informed of the DLP and Deputy DLP.
<b>20. Care of pupils with specific vulnerabilities/needs such as: ethnic minorities, members of the travelling community, LGBT children, minority faiths.</b>	<p><b>20. Care of pupils with specific vulnerabilities/needs such as: ethnic minorities, members of the travelling community, LGBT children, minority faiths.</b></p> <p>Member of Staff harms a child in our care</p> <p>Another pupil/s harm a child in our care</p> <p>Member of the public harms a child in our care</p>	<p><b>20. Care of pupils with specific vulnerabilities/needs such as: ethnic minorities, members of the travelling community, LGBT children, minority faiths</b></p> <p>All teachers must be vetted with the Teaching Council and have provided Garda Vetting. They shall all have a copy of the Child Protection Statement to hand and be informed of the DLP and Deputy DLP. All teachers will maintain reasonable and effective supervision of the children in their care. See also Anti Bullying policy and Code of Behaviour policy</p>
<b>21. Recruitment of personnel such as teachers, SNAs, External tutors, Secretary, Caretaker</b>	<p><b>21. Recruitment of personnel such as teachers, SNAs, External tutors, Secretary, Caretaker</b></p> <p>Member of Staff harms a child in our care</p> <p>Another pupil/s harm a child in our care</p> <p>Member of the public harms a child in our care</p>	<p><b>21. Recruitment of personnel such as teachers, SNAs, External tutors, Secretary, Caretaker</b></p> <p>All staff (including ancillary staff) must provide Garda Vetting. They shall all have a copy of the Child Protection Statement to hand and be informed of the DLP and Deputy DLP.</p>

<p><b>22. Participation of pupils in religious ceremonies.</b></p>	<p><b>22. Participation of pupils in religious ceremonies.</b></p> <p>Member of Staff harms a child in our care</p> <p>Another pupil/s harm a child in our care</p> <p>Member of religious harms a child in our care.</p>	<p><b>22. Participation of pupils in religious ceremonies.</b></p> <p>All external persons must be vetted with the Teaching Council and have provided Garda Vetting. They shall all have a copy of the Child Protection Statement to hand and be informed of the DLP and Deputy DLP. All teachers will maintain reasonable and effective supervision of the children in the care. When visiting churches etc CSS for church must be provided</p>
<p><b>23. Use of Information and Communication technology by pupils in school.</b></p>	<p><b>23. Use of Information and Communication technology by pupils in school.</b></p> <p>Member of Staff harms a child in our care</p> <p>Another pupil/s harm a child in our care</p> <p>Member of the public harms a child in our care</p> <p>Access to inappropriate material via ICT fora.</p>	<p><b>23. Use of Information and Communication technology by pupils in school.</b></p> <p>See Mobile devices and ICT policy. All teachers will maintain reasonable and effective supervision of the children in the care.</p>
<p><b>24. Applications of sanctions under the school code of behaviour including detention/ confiscation of phones.</b></p>	<p><b>24. Applications of sanctions under the school code of behaviour including detention/ confiscation of phones.</b></p> <p>Member of Staff harms a child in our care</p>	<p><b>24. Applications of sanctions under the school code of behaviour including detention/ confiscation of phones.</b></p> <p>All teachers will maintain reasonable and effective supervision of the children in the care. See Mobile phone and devices policy</p>

	<p>Another pupil/s harm a child in our care</p> <p>Inadequate supervision of children</p> <p>Accessing inappropriate material on phone laptop.</p>	
<p><b>25. Students participating in work experience in schools.</b></p>	<p><b>25. Students participating in work experience in schools.</b></p> <p>Personnel on work experience harm a child in our care.</p>	<p><b>25. Students participating in work experience in schools.</b></p> <p>All students must have provided Garda Vetting. They shall all have a copy of the Child Protection Statement to hand and be informed of the DLP and Deputy DLP. See also the school Transition year/Student policy.</p>
<p><b>26. Student teachers undertaking teacher training in the school.</b></p>	<p><b>26. Student teachers undertaking teacher training in the school.</b></p> <p>A student teacher harms a child in our care</p>	<p><b>26. Student teachers undertaking teacher training in the school.</b></p> <p>All teachers must be vetted with their Training College and have provided Garda Vetting. They shall all have a copy of the Child Protection Statement to hand and be informed of the DLP and Deputy DLP. See also the school Transition year/Student Policy.</p>
<p><b>27. Use of video/photography/other media to record school events</b></p>	<p><b>27. Use of video/photography/other media to record school events</b></p> <p>Member of Staff harms a child in our care</p> <p>Another pupil/s harm a child in our care</p>	<p><b>27. Use of video/photography/other media to record school events</b></p> <p>See school Internet and Phone/Media devices policy. All teachers will maintain reasonable and effective supervision of the children in their care.</p>

	Member of the public harms a child in our care  Inappropriate digital material harm a child in our care.	
<b>28. Suspicious loitering around the school</b>	<b>28. Suspicious loitering around the school</b>  Member of the public harms a child in our care	<b>28. Suspicious loitering around the school</b>  All teachers will maintain reasonable and effective supervision of the children in the care. All teachers must be vetted with their Training College and have provided Garda Vetting. They shall all have a copy of the Child Protection Statement to hand and be informed of the DLP and Deputy DLP. Any suspicious activity/personnel in the Terrace area and around the school in general, should be reported to the DLP or Deputy DLP and/or the Garda if necessary.
<b>29. Swimming Lessons</b>	<b>29. Swimming Lessons</b>  Member of the Public harms a child in our care  Swimming Instructors harm a child in our care	<b>29. Swimming Lessons</b>  All coaches should provide Garda Vetting. The venue's CSS should be made available.

#### **IV. Board of Management Approval**

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 **30.11.23**. It was most recently reviewed at the Board of Management Meeting of June 9<sup>th</sup> 2021 as part of the school's annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date **30.11.23**

Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date 30.11.23

Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management

**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*