

## **Child Safeguarding Statement 2021/2022**

### **Written Assessment of Risk of Mount Temple Comprehensive School, Malahide Road, Dublin 3**

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 Mount Temple Comprehensive School Malahide Road Dublin 3.

#### **1. List of school activities**

- Recreation breaks for students
- Classroom teaching
- One-to-one teaching
- One-to-one counselling
- Outdoor teaching activities
- On-line teaching
- Sporting Activities
- School Trips
- School Trips involving foreign travel
- Use of toilet/changing/shower areas in schools
- Fundraising events involving pupils
- Administration of first aid
- Use of video/photography and other media to record school events
- Curricular provision in respect of SPHE and RSE
- Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils
- Training of school personnel in child protection matters
- Recruitment of school personnel including teachers, SNA's, caretaker, secretaries, cleaners, sport coaches, volunteers/parents in school activities.
- Use of ICT by pupils in school
- Application of sanctions under the school's Code of Behaviour including detention of pupils and confiscation of phones
- Care of a diverse student community in line with equality legislation
- Use of external personnel to supplement the curriculum and extra-curricular activities.
- After school use of school premises by other organisations
- Student teachers undertaking training placement in school
- Students from the school participating in work experience elsewhere

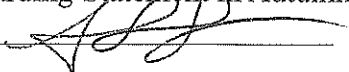
**2. The school has identified the following risk of harm in respect of its activities –**

- Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel
- Risk of harm not being reported promptly and properly by school personnel
- Risk of child being harmed in school by a member of school staff or by another child
- Risk of harm due to bullying of child
- Risk of child being harmed in the school by volunteer or visitor to the school
- Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children in school
- Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision while attending out of school or after-hour activities
- Risk of harm due to children inappropriately accessing/using computers, social media, phones and other devices in school
- Risk of harm due to inappropriate relationship/communications between child and another child or adult.
- Risk of harm due to inadequate code of behaviour
- Risk of harm in one-to-one teaching, counselling, coaching situation
- Risk of harm caused by member of school personnel communicating with pupils in an inappropriate manner via social media, texting, digital device or other manner
- Risk of harm caused by member of school personnel accessing/circulating inappropriate material via social media, texting, digital device or other manner
- Risk of harm to children as a result of external organisations use of school facilities after-hours.
- Risk of differing expectations in regard to child-protection in school trips to other jurisdictions
- Risk of those without authorisation accessing school campus.

**3. The school has the following procedures in place to address the risks of harm identified in this assessment –**

- All school personnel are provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement
- The Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017 are made available to all school personnel
- School Personnel are required to adhere to the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary schools 2017 and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the Children First Act 2015
- The school implements in full the SPHE curriculum
- The school implements in full the Wellbeing programme at Junior Cycle
- The school has an Anti-bullying Policy which fully adheres to the requirements of the Department's Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools
- The school has supervision procedures for supervision of pupils at break time
- The school has in place a policy and clear procedures in respect of school outings
- The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda Vetting
- The school has a code of conduct for school personnel (teaching and non-teaching staff)
- The school complies with the agreed disciplinary procedures for teaching staff
- The school has a Special Educational Needs Policy (currently in revision)
- The school has in place a policy and procedures for First Aid/Administration and Sick Bay
- The school has in place a code of behaviour for pupils
- The school has in place an ICT policy in respect of usage of ICT by pupils
- The school has in place a Critical Incident Policy
- The school has in place a mobile phone policy in respect of usage of mobile phones by pupils
- The school has in place procedures for one-to-one counselling, one-to-one teaching and remote teaching
- The school has in place a policy and procedures for the use of external sports coaches and other external personnel
- The school has procedures in respect of pupils of the school undertaking work experience in external organisations
- The school has procedures in respect of student-teacher placements
- The school has provided each member of school staff with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding statement
- Ensure all new staff are provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement
- Encourage staff to avail of relevant training
- Encourage BOM members to avail of relevant training
- Maintain records of all staff and board member training
- The school intends to develop a risk register in due course

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 **24<sup>th</sup> November 2021**. It shall be reviewed as part of the school's annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement in Autumn 2022.

Signed 

Chairperson, Board of Management

Date: 24/11/21

Signed 

Principal/Secretary Board of Management

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