

## Scoil Réalta na Maidine

# Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment

## Written Assessment of Risk of Scoil Réalta na Maidine

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 Scoil Réalta na Maidine.

List of School Activities	The School has identified the following Risk of Harm in respect of its activities	The School has the following Procedures in place to address Risks of Harm identified in this assessment
Training of school personnel in child protection matters	Harm not recognised or reported properly and promptly by school staff	Child Safeguarding Statement and DES procedures made available to all staff DLP and DDLP to attend face to face training All Staff to view online training module (education.ie)
One to one teaching	Harm by a member of school personnel	School has a policy in place for one to one teaching. All doors have a glass panel
Care of pupils with special needs, including intimate care needs	Harm by school personnel while a child is receiving intimate care	School has a policy in place for intimate care
Recruitment of school personnel	Harm by school personnel	Recruitment follows correct procedures Personnel are Garda vetted Children first Certificate
Volunteers and External Coaches and Personnel	Harm to pupils by external personnel	Garda Vetting required

Student Teachers undertaking training placement in the school	Harm to pupils by student teacher	Garda Vetted. Trainee teachers are supervised by Scoil Réalta na Maidine teachers
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Students participating in work experience	Harm to pupils by inappropriate interaction between work experience student and school pupil	Students always work under the instruction of a Scoil Réalta na Maidine teacher Garda Vetting Required
Curricular Provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay safe	Subjects not taught	SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe are taught in all classes on a two-year cycle Teachers monthly reports reflect this
Care of children with specific vulnerability needs such as ethnic minorities, Traveller pupils, LGBT pupils, pupils in care or on CPNS	Bullying by other pupils	Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour
Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils	Harm from other pupils. Harm from unknown adults in the vicinity	Arrival and Dismissal Policy
Use of toilet facilities within the school building	Harm/injury by other pupils	Classes all have written toilet protocols and pupils are reminded of these frequently
School Outings including those involving overnight stays and foreign travel	Harm to pupils due to inadequate supervision or preparation	Adequate staffing provided Pupils always overseen by Scoil Réalta na Maidine staff Health and Safety Statement
Use of off-site facilities for school activities	Harm to pupils due to inadequate supervision or preparation	Adequate staffing provided Pupils always supervised by Scoil Réalta na Maidine staff Health and Safety Statement

School transport arrangements for pupils with special needs, including use of bus escorts	Injury/harm to pupils while on the bus	Bus escorts are trained and Garda Vetted Scoil Réalta na Maidine staff supervise arrival and dismissal of pupils travelling by bus
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Managing challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint if required	Injury to pupils	Health and Safety Statement Code of Behaviour Use of force only where there is an immediate risk to other pupils or staff and as a last resort Appropriate CPD for staff
Administration of medicines	Harm/Injury to pupil through incorrect administration	Administration of Medicines Policy Care Plan for individual pupils Medicines to be locked away in a secure location each evening
Administration of First Aid	Harm/Injury to pupil through incorrect procedure	4 Trained First Responders on staff
Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils	Harm to pupils by other pupils	Anti-Bullying Policy Code of Behaviour Policy Anti-Bullying Week
Use of school premises by other organisations during the school day	Harm to pupils due to inadequate supervision	Premises to be used by external organisations only in exceptional circumstances and with proof of Garda Vetting for all personnel Pupils are supervised by Scoil Réalta na Maidine staff
Participation by pupils in religious ceremonies external to the school	Harm to pupils by unknown adults in the vicinity	Scoil Réalta na Maidine staff supervise pupils at all times
Use of Information and Communication Technology	Access to inappropriate material	Scoil Réalta na Maidine staff supervise pupils at all times Code of Behaviour Internet filter on School Broadband Internet Safety Workshops Acceptable Use Policy

		Electronic Device Policy
Use of video/photography/other media to record events	Inappropriate use of images	Addition of pupil names is not permitted on any images Parent permission required
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Application of sanctions under the school's Code of Behaviour including detention of pupils	Harm to pupils by school personnel	Sanctions are issued in a fair and appropriate manner, staff guided by Code of Behaviour including Challenging Behaviour
After school use of premises by other organisations	Harm to pupils by adults working for these organisations	Written parental permission mandatory when pupils stay on the premises for after school activities School Premises Policy
Online teaching and learning remotely	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	Remote Teaching and Learning Policy
After School Extracurricular Clubs	Harm by school personnel	At least two members of school staff present on premises at all times All doors where clubs operate have a glass panel
Curious Minds Morning and After School Service	Harm to pupils by adults working for these organisations Harm to pupils by other pupils	License Agreement in place between school and Curious Minds Curious Minds own policies, procedures and Child Safeguarding Statement

**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 (revised 2023)*.

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 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

This risk assessment was reviewed by the Board of Management on 3/10/23

Signed [Signature] Date 3/10/23

Chairperson, Board of Management

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Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management