**Mandatory Template 1: Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment**

**Written Assessment of Risk of Rath N.S.**

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 Rath N.S.

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| 1. **List of school activities**
 | 1. **The school has identified the following risk of harm in respect of its activities –**
 | 1. **The school has the following procedures in place to address the risks of harm identified in this assessment -**
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| Opening/Closing Times and Break TimesVisitors/Visiting TutorsSchool Tours/OutingsAccess/EgressSwimming Lessons/Sports EventsSocial MediaOne-to-one teaching/supervision Use of off-site facilities for school activities School transport/Bus escorts Care of children with special educational needs, including intimate care where needed.Administration of medicine and first aid Curricular provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay SafePrevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils.Recruitment of school personnel including –teachers, SNA’s, secretary, cleaners, sports coaches, external tutors, guest speakers, volunteers, parents in school activities.Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school.Students participating in work experience in the school.Use of video/photography /other media to record school events Critical Incident | Access to pupils by strangers or other adults.Risk of harm from other pupils.Tutors behaving inappropriately.Tutors lacking awareness of child safety issues.Access to pupils by strangers.Inappropriate activity by pupils.Dangers posed by unfamiliar environmentAccess to pupils by strangers or other adults.Flight risk for some pupilsPotential for unsupervised times in changing areas.Access to pupils by strangers or other adults.Potential for bullying.Potential for grooming of pupilsRisk of child being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel Risk of child being harmed by a member of school personnel, a member of staff of another organisation or other person while child participating in out of school activities e.g. school trip, swimming lessons Risk of child being harmed outside of the school by a member of school personnel.Risk of harm to children with SEN who have particular vulnerabilities Risk of harm to child while a child is receiving intimate care.Risk of harm to children with SEN who have particular vulnerabilities. Risk of child being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel.Risk of children being ill-informed of safety and protection issues and how best to protect themselves and others Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child.Risk of harm due to bullying of child. Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children in school.Risk of child being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel Risk of harm due to children inappropriately accessing/using computers, social media, phones and other devices while at school.Risk of harm caused by member of school Personnel communicating with pupils in appropriate 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 child being harmed in the school by volunteer or visitor to the school.The risk of inappropriate use of images Risk of trauma to a child in the event of a critical incident. | Supervision by SNA’s from 9.00 a.m.Adequate Supervision at break times with EIGHT adults supervising at any given time.Visiting tutors from reputable organisations with appropriate vetting.Sign in/Sign outGlass panels in doors.Adequate supervisionAdequate planning and preparation by staff.School Tour policy followedFront gates supervised on egress.Adequate supervision provided.Trained lifeguards in poolPupils not allowed mobile phones.Anti-Bullying Policy.Information sessions for pupils, parents and staff.As a school, we try to limit the use of one-to-one teaching/supervision activities. However, this is necessary and most effective at times. When one-to-one does occur, the door will remain open at all times.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.External persons used to supplement delivery of the curriculum will be made aware of our Child Safeguarding Statement.The school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting.A bus escort must accompany the bus/taxi driver at all times.The school has an Intimate Care Policy. The school has in place a policy and procedures for the administration of medication to pupils.The school implements in full the Stay Safe Programme.The school implements in full the SPHE curriculum, including the RSE programme.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 a yard/playground supervision policy to ensure appropriate supervision of children during assembly, dismissal and breaks.All school personnel are provided with a copy of the school’s Child Safeguarding Statement.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, including staff trainingThe school adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting. The school has in place an Internet Acceptable Usage policy in respect of usage of ICT.by pupils and school personnel. The school does not allow pupils bring their mobile phones to school.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 comprehensive policy on the use of images and videos.Permission for the use of photographs/images on the school website, social media platforms and publications must be received from parents. The school has a Critical Incident Policy in place. |

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| **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 updated by the Board of Management on February 6th 2019.

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Chairperson, Board of Management

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Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management