Child Safeguarding Statement - St John Bosco Community College



School Profile

St John Bosco Community College is a co-educational community college providing post-primary education to students from 1st Yr to 6th Yr, (aged 12-19). The school offers the Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement, Level 2 PLUs (Priority Learning Units), Transition Year, LCVP and Leaving Certificate. The school enhances the curriculum with a wide variety of curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities both on-campus and off-campus. Some activities involve travel away from school and may also include overnight accommodation.

Number of staff

- 24 teaching staff
- 6 SNAs
- 3 ancillary staff (one admin staff member, one caretaker, one cleaner).
- Catering services are provided by the local Centra shop who have two staff on-site each day.

Number of students

265 students in the school

Ability

The school has an open enrolment policy accepting students with a wide variety of abilities and challenges. A small number of students have individual care needs and a Personal Pupil Plan (PPP) is in place for each of them.

In accordance with the requirements of the Children First Act 2015, Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017, the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017 and Tusla Guidance on the preparation of Child Safeguarding Statements, the Board of Management of Name of School has agreed the Child Safeguarding Statement set out in this document.

- 1. The Board of Management has adopted and will implement fully and without modification the Department's Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017 as part of this overall Child Safeguarding Statement.
- 2. The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is Denis O Rourke.

- 3. The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDLP) is Deirdre Convey.
- 4. The Board of Management recognises that child protection and welfare considerations permeate all aspects of school life and must be reflected in all of the school's policies, procedures, practices and activities In its policies, procedures, practices and activities, the school will adhere to the following principles of best practice in child protection and welfare:

The school will:

- Recognise that the protection and welfare of children is of paramount importance, regardless of all other considerations;
- Fully comply with its statutory obligations under the Children First Act 2015 and other relevant legislation relating to the protection and welfare of children;
- Fully cooperate with the relevant statutory authorities in relation to child protection and welfare matters;
- Adopt safe practices to minimise the possibility of harm or accidents happening to children and protect workers from the necessity to take unnecessary risks that may leave themselves open to accusations of abuse or neglect;
- Develop a practice of openness with parents and encourage parental involvement in the education of their children; and
- Fully respect confidentiality requirements in dealing with child protection matters.

The school will also adhere to the above principles in relation to any adult student with a special vulnerability.

The following procedures/measures are in place

- In relation to any member of staff who is the subject of any investigation (howsoever described) in respect of any act, omission or circumstance in respect of a child attending the school, the school adheres to the relevant procedures set out in Chapter 7 of the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017 and to the relevant agreed disciplinary procedures for school staff which are published on the DES website.
- In relation to the selection or recruitment of staff and their suitability to work with children, Limerick & Clare Education & Training Board adheres to the statutory vetting requirements of the National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Acts 2012 to 2016 and to the wider duty of care guidance set out in relevant Garda vetting and recruitment circulars published by the DES and available on the DES website.
- In relation to the provision of information and, where necessary, instruction and training, to staff in respect of the identification of the occurrence of harm (as defined in the 2015 Act) the school-
 - Has provided each member of staff with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement
 - o Ensures all new staff are provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement
 - o Encourages staff to avail of relevant training
 - o Encourages Board of Management members to avail of relevant training
 - o The Board of Management maintains records of all staff and Board member training

- In relation to reporting of child protection concerns to Tusla, all school personnel are required to adhere to the procedures set out in the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017, including in the case of registered teachers, those in relation to mandated reporting under the Children First Act 2015.
- In this school the Board has appointed the above-named DLP as the "relevant person" (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) to be the first point of contact in respect of the s child safeguarding statement.
- All registered teachers employed by the school are mandated persons under the Children First Act 2015.
- In accordance with the Children First Act 2015, the Board has carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while attending the school or participating in school activities. A written assessment setting out the areas of risk identified and the school's procedures for managing those risks is attached as an appendix to these procedures.
- The various procedures referred to in this Statement can be accessed via the school's website, the DES website or will be made available on request by the school.

This statement has been published on the school's website and has been provided to all members of school personnel, the Parents' Association and the patrons. It is readily accessible to parents and guardians on request. A copy of this Statement will be made available to Tusla and the Department if requested.

This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed annually or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which this statement refers.

This Child Safeguarding Statement policy was adopted by the Board of Management on:

Signed.

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Chairperson of Board of Management

Principal

Signed:

Date:

Date:

Date of next review:

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Mandatory Template 2: Checklist for Review of the Child Safeguarding Statement

The Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017 require that the Board of Management must undertake a review of its Child Safeguarding Statement and that the following checklist shall be used for this purpose. The review must be completed every year or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the Child Safeguarding Statement refers. Undertaking an annual review will also ensure that a school also meets its statutory obligation under section 11(8) of the Children First Act 2015, to review its Child Safeguarding Statement every two years.

The checklist is designed as an aid to conducting this review and is not intended as an exhaustive list of the issues to be considered. Individual Boards of Management shall include other items in the checklist that are of relevance to the school in question.

As part of the overall review process, Boards of Management should also assess relevant school policies, procedures, practices and activities vis a vis their adherence to the principles of best practice in child protection and welfare as set out in the school's Child Safeguarding Statement, the Children First Act 2015, the Addendum to Children First (2019) and the *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017*.

	Yes/No
1. Has the Board formally adopted a Child Safeguarding Statement in accordance the 'Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017'?	with Yes
2. Is the Board satisfied that the Child Safeguarding Statement is displayed prominent place near the main entrance to the school?	in a Yes
3. As part of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement, has the Board formally adopt without modification, the 'Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Prin Schools 2017'?	nary 19
4. Does the school's Child Safeguarding Statement include a written assessment of ris required under the Children First Act 2015? (This includes considering the spe issue of online safety as required by the Addendum to Children First)	
5. Has the Board reviewed and updated where necessary the written assessment of ris part of this overall review?	sk as Yes
6. Has the Risk Assessment taken account of the risk of harm relevant to online teach and learning remotely?	hing Yes
7. Has the DLP attended available child protection training?	Ves
8. Has the Deputy DLP attended available child protection training?	yey
9. Have any members of the Board attended child protection training?	yes
10. Are there both a DLP and a Deputy DLP currently appointed?	ye
11. Are the relevant contact details (Tusla and An Garda Síochána) to hand?	ye!
12. Has the Board arrangements in place to communicate the school's Child Safeguard Statement to new school personnel?	ding yes
13. Is the Board satisfied that all school personnel have been made aware of a responsibilities under the 'Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Prim Schools 2017' and the Children First Act 2015?	
14. Has the Board received a Principals Child Protection Oversight Report (CPOR) at a Board meeting held since the last review was undertaken?	each Kes
15. Since the Board's last review, did each CPOR contain all of the information requiunder each of the 4 headings set out in sections 9.5 to 9.8 inclusive of the procedure	1 W// X
16. Since the Board's last review, has the Board been provided with and reviewed documents relevant to the CPOR?	

17. Since the Board's last review, have the minutes of each Board meeting appropriately recorded the records provided to the Board as part of CPOR report?	yes
18. Have the minutes of each Board meeting appropriately recorded the CPOR report?	yes
19. Is the Board satisfied that the child protection procedures in relation to the making of	1
reports to Tusla/An Garda Síochána were appropriately followed in each case	Val
reviewed?	yes
20. Is the Board satisfied that, since the last review, all appropriate actions are being or	-
have been taken in respect of any member of school personnel against whom an	1.11
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allegation of abuse or neglect has been made?*	!
21. Where applicable, were unique identifiers used to record child protection matters in the	NA
Board minutes?	
22. Is the Board satisfied that all records relating to child protection are appropriately filed	Yes
and stored securely?	' '
23. Has the Board been notified by any parent in relation to that parent not receiving the	r.
standard notification required under section 5.6 of the 'Child Protection Procedures for	LUA .
Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017'?	2.7.
24. In relation to any cases identified at question 20 above, has the Board ensured that any	
notifications required under section 5.6 of the 'Child Protection Procedures for Primary	MA
and Post Primary Schools 2017' were subsequently issued by the DLP?	1014
25. Has the Board ensured that the Parents' Association (if any), has been provided with	res
the school's Child Safeguarding Statement?	10)
26. Has the Board ensured that the patron has been provided with the school's Child	yes
Safeguarding Statement?	100
27. Has the Board ensured that the school's Child Safeguarding Statement is available to	yes
parents on request?	10
28. Has the Board ensured that the Stay Safe programme is implemented in full in the	WA
school? (applies to primary schools)	NIA
29. Has the Board ensured that the Wellbeing Programme for Junior Cycle students is	1/01
implemented in full in the school? (applies to post- primary schools)	yes
30. Has the Board ensured that the SPHE curriculum is implemented in full in the school?	yes
31. Is the Board satisfied that the statutory requirements for Garda Vetting have been met	1/04 /04/
in respect of all school personnel (employees and volunteers)? *	Yes Wes
32. Is the Board satisfied that the Department's requirements in relation to the provision of	
a child protection related statutory declaration and associated form of undertaking have	1/00 1000
been met in respect of persons appointed to teaching and non-teaching positions?*	Yes Lich
33. Is the Board satisfied that, from a child protection perspective, thorough recruitment	
and selection procedures are applied by the school in relation to all school personnel	Jes LCett
(employees and volunteers)?*	1 / 000
34. Has the Board considered and addressed any complaints or suggestions for	100
improvements regarding the school's Child Safeguarding Statement?	yes
35. Has the Board sought the feedback of parents in relation to the school's compliance	
with the requirements of the child safeguarding requirements of the 'Child Protection	Val
Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017'?	yes
36. Has the Board sought the feedback of pupils in relation to the school's child	Hat
safeguarding arrangements?	yes
37. Is the Board satisfied that the 'Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post	
Primary Schools 2017' are being fully and adequately implemented by the school?	yes
38. Has the Board identified any aspects of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement	1 1 1
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and/or its implementation that require further improvement?	war jower
39. Has the Board put in place an action plan containing appropriate timelines to address	1100
those aspects of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement and/or its implementation	yej .
that have been identified as requiring further improvement?	T. /

40. Has the Board ensured that any areas for improvement that were identified in any previous review of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement have been adequately addressed?

yes

*In schools where the ETB is the employer the responsibility for meeting the employer's requirements rests with the ETB concerned. In such cases, this question should be completed following consultation with the ETB.

Signed

Date

Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed

Date

Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management

Note: Where a school is undertaking its first review, references in this checklist to the "last review" shall be taken to refer to the date on which the Child Safeguarding Statement was first put in place.

Mandatory Template 3: Notification regarding the Board of Management's review of the Child Safeguarding Statement

To: Clarye O' Collofe
The Board of Management of Stoll Wishes to inform you that:
• The Board of Management's annual review of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement was completed at the Board meeting of [date].
• This review was conducted in accordance with the "Checklist for Review of the Child Safeguarding Statement" published on the Department's 'website www.education.ie Signed Date Date
Chairperson, Board of Management
Signed Date 7223
Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management

Notification regarding Dáil na Scoile's input into the review of the Child Safeguarding Statement

The Student Council of St John Bosco Community College, wishes to inform you that:
• The Student Council took part in the annual review of the school's Child Safeguarding
Statement during our meeting on the 15th Jonuary 2013
Signed: Thre O' Neill Signed: Kake Mikhael
Chairperson of Dáil na Scoile Vice Chairperson of Dáil na Scoile
Date: 07/01/2013 Date: 03/02/2023

Notification regarding the Parents Associations input into the review of the Child Safeguarding Statement

The Parents Association of St John Bosco Community College, wishes to inform you that:
The Parents Association took part in the annual review of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement during our meeting on the
Signed:Signed: Chairperson of the Parents Association Secretary of the Parents Association
Date:

(A) ASSESSMENT OF RISK COMPLETED

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 and the Addendum to Children First (2019), the following is the Written Risk Assessment of;

St John Bosco Community College

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.

	St John Bose	St John Bosco Community College Safeguarding Risk Assessment	uardin	g Risk Assessment
	Activity	Risk Identified Le	Level of Risk L/M/H	Procedure in Place to manage the risk
	Interactions between teachers and students including but not limited	Risk of student being harmed in the school by a member of school	•	The school has provided each member of school staff with a copy of the school's Student
	U: Classroom teaching	personnel Risk of harm due to inappropriate	*	Saleguarding Statement The Child Protection Procedures for Primary
	Homework club/evening studyOutdoor teaching activities	relationship/communications between a student and an adult		and Post-Primary Schools 2017 are made available to all school personnel
	 Sporting Activities 			School Personnel are required to adhere to the
				Child Protection Procedures for Primary and
				tost-r rimary ochools 2017 and an registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the
				Children First Act 2015.
				School personnel are expected to adhere to the
			-	Teaching Council's Code of Conduct.
		5	•	The school has a Dignity Charter
7	Interaction between students	 Risk of harm due to inadequate 	•	The school ensures appropriate supervision of
	including but not limited to:	supervision of students		students during breaks.
	 Recreation breaks for 	Risk of harm due to bullying of	_	 The school has an Anti-Bullying Policy which
	students Movement between	student		fully adheres to the requirements of the
	classes	 Risk of student being harmed in 		Department's Anti-Bullying Procedures for
	Use of toilets	the school by another student		Primary and Post-Primary Schools
	 Use of PE changing rooms 	Risk of harm due to inappropriate	-	The school has in place a code of behaviour for
	 Outdoor teaching activities 	relationship/communications		students
	 Sporting Activities 	between a student and another	_	 The school has a Dignity Charter
		student		

m	Daily arrival and dismissal of students	 Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of students entering and leaving school. 	The school ensures appropriate supervision of students as per the allocation provided under the Supervision & Substitution Scheme of the Department of Education and Skills.
4	One-to-one teaching	 Risk of harm in one-to-one teaching situation 	 The school has a clear glass panel adjacent to every classroom door or a panel of clear glass in the door. Teachers are also advised to leave the classroom door ajar if teaching in a one-to-one situation.
w	One-to-one counselling	 Risk of harm in one-to-one counselling situation 	Both doors in School Chaplain office and Guidance Councillor office have glass panels in place.
9	School outings	 Risk of student being harmed by a member of school personnel, a member of staff of another organisation or other person while student participating in out of school activities Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of students while attending out of school activities 	 The school has highlighted the need to put an Extra-Curricular Activities Policy in place in academic year 22/23. Current practice of all groups traveling with one or more teachers, no teacher to take one student on a trip on their own, and all groups have to be signed out on VSWARE are in place.

	School trips involving overnight stay	1	Risk of student being harmed by a member of staff of another	All teac travel w	All teachers taking a group of students must travel with a second member of staff and
			organisation or other person	complet	complete a risk assessment before departure.
			while student participating in out	Extra-C	Extra-Curricular Activities Policy to be
			of school activities	created	created this academic year 22/23.
		im	Risk of harm due to inadequate		
			supervision of students while		
			attending out of school activities		
∞	Use of off-site facilities for school	-	Risk of student being harmed by	Extra-C	Extra-Curricular Activities Policy to be
	activities		a member of staff of another	created	created this academic year 22/23.
			organisation or other person		
			while student participating in out		
			of school activities		
			Risk of harm due to inadequate		
			supervision of students while		
			attending an off-site facility		
6	Annual Sports Day	•	Risk of harm due to inadequate	• Extra-C	Extra-Curricular Activities Policy to be
			supervision of students while	created	created this academic year 22/23.
			attending out of school activities	 A clear 	A clear procedure/timetable must be in place.
		•	Risk of student being harmed by	First Ai	First Aid station/Kit readily available. Supply
			a member of staff of another	of drink	of drinking water made available to all
			organisation or other person	students	students and staff.
			while student participating in		
			out of school activities		

10	School transport arrangements	 Risk of student being harmed while student is travelling 	Adequate teacher supervision.Hire of reputable bus operator.
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	Management of challenging	 Kisk of student being harmed in 	■ The school has in place a code of behaviour
	behaviour amongst students,	the school by a member of	for students (no restraint policy, LCETB to
	including appropriate use of	school personnel	advise)
	restraint where required	 Risk of student being harmed in 	
		the school by another student	
12	Application of sanctions under the	 Risk of harm due to inadequate 	■ The school has in place a code of behaviour for
	school's Code of Behaviour	code of behaviour	students
	including detention of students,		■ The school has in place an electronic device
	confiscation of phones etc.		policy in respect of usage of electronic devices
			by students
13	Care of students with special	 Risk of harm to students with 	■ The school must create a Special Educational
	educational needs, including	SEN who have particular	Needs policy in academic year 22/23.
	intimate care where needed.	vulnerabilities	■ The school has created an SNA policy/plan in
		 Risk of harm to student while a 	respect of students who require such care.
		student is receiving intimate care	
14	Care of students with specific	 Risk of student being harmed in 	The school has an Anti-Bullying Policy
	vulnerabilities/ needs including:	the school by a member of	which fully adheres to the requirements of the
	 Students from ethnic 	school personnel	Department's Anti-Bullying Procedures for
	minorities/migrants	 Risk of student being harmed in 	Primary and Post-Primary Schools
	 Members of the Traveller 	the school by another student	■ The school has in place a code of behaviour
	community		for students
	 Lesbian, gay, bisexual or 	 Risk of harm due to bullying of 	The school has a Dignity Charter
	transgender (LGBT) students	student	
	and students perceived to be		
	LGBT		

	Students of minority religionsChildren in careChildren on CPNS		
<u>~</u>	Administration of Medicine	 Cause of harm to a student. 	 The school has in place a record of students who may require emergency medication. Trained first responder staff have been advised to contact emergency services in such cases where a student requires emergency medication.
16	Administration of First Aid	 Cause of harm to a student. 	The school has in place procedures for the administration of First Aid and staff personnel with First Responder training.
11	Curricular provision in respect of SPHE, RSE	Deprive students of important required knowledge for life.	 The school implements in full the SPHE curriculum The school is currently working on Wellbeing Programme/Policy for the school. The school implements in full the Wellbeing Programme at Junior Cycle
∞	Participation by students in religious ceremonies/religious instruction external to the school	■ Inclusion	 Alternative arrangements are made for students who wish to opt out of religious ceremonies following Parental consent.
119	Use of Information and Communication Technology by students in school and Remote Teaching & Learning	 Risk of harm due to students inappropriately accessing/using computers, social media, phones and other devices while at school 	 The school has in place an ICT policy in respect of usage of ICT by students The school has in place a mobile phone policy in respect of usage of mobile phones by students

20	20 Students from the school	 Risk of student being harmed by 	The school has in place relevant
	participating in work experience elsewhere	a member of staff of another organisation or other person while student participating in work experience	documentation in relation to work experience in external organisations.
21	Recruitment of school personnel including - Teachers SNAs Admin staff Caretaker Cleaners	Risk of student being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel who has not been Garda Vetted	 LCETB adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting The Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017 are made available to all school personnel. All new staff are provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement The school encourages staff to avail of relevant training
22	Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum and / or support sports and other extracurricular activities Sports coaches External Tutors/Guest Speakers Volunteers/Parents in school activities	 Risk of student being harmed in the school by volunteer or visitor to the school 	 The school has in place a Visiting Speakers Policy for the use of external persons to supplement delivery of the curriculum Parents/Guardians who volunteer are required to undergo Garda Vetting through LCETB.

23	Fundraising events involving students	 Risk of student been harmed by a member of the public while in the care of school personnel. 	 Fundraising events only take place during/outside of school hours under teacher/parental supervision. Teachers in role of loco parentis during school hours.
24	Use of video/photography/other media to record / at school events	 Risk of students identity in public domain without prior permission. 	■ Parental consent given after enrolment.
25	Use of student images for PR purposes	 Risk of students identity in public domain without prior permission 	Parental consent given after enrolment.
26	Student teachers undertaking training placement in school	Risk of student being harmed by a student teacher in training.	 All student teachers have been Garda vetted by their affiliated College/University. All student teachers have restricted access to student information.
27	After school use of school premises by other organisations	 Risk of student being harmed in the school by a visitor to the school 	The hiring of the school sports hall takes place during hours when no students are present.
28	Use of school premises by other organisations during school day	 Risk of student being harmed in the school a visitor to the school 	N/A
29	Non-curricular related visitors / contractors present in school during school hours	 Risk of student being harmed in the school by a visitor/contractor to the school 	The school has a Health and Safety policy.
30	Non-curricular related visitors / contractors present during after school activities	Risk of student being harmed in the school by a visitor/contractor to the school	The school has a Health and Safety policy.

he school complies with the agreed	linary procedures for teaching staff.
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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

It shall be reviewed as part of the school's annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement. Signed:_

Principal

Chairperson of Board of Management

Signed: 1100000

Date:

Date of next review: October 2023