

# Scoil Iognáid de Rís

Tel: (056) 7761739

Email: [office@cbsprimarykilkenny.ie](mailto:office@cbsprimarykilkenny.ie)

Web: [cbsprimarykilkenny.ie](http://cbsprimarykilkenny.ie)

Twitter: [@CBSPrimaryKK](https://twitter.com/CBSPrimaryKK)

## Child Safeguarding Statement





## CONTENTS

School Profile.....	1
Child Safeguarding Statement .....	2
Appendix 1 .....	Child Safeguarding Risk
Assessment .....	5

# Child Safeguarding Statement



## School Profile

**School Name** Scoil Iognáid de Rís, CBS Primary School.

**School Address** Stephen Street, Kilkenny.

## School Details

Scoil Iognáid de Rís is a voluntary Roman Catholic Primary School under the Trusteeship and the Patronage of the Edmund Rice Schools Trust (ERST). The School is grant aided by the Department of Education and Skills and is a single sex (boys) school.

## School Management

The Board of Management of Scoil Iognáid de Rís is a statutory board appointed pursuant to the provisions of the Education Act 1998.

## Mission Statement

Inspired by its founder, Scoil Iognáid de Rís aims to provide Catholic education in the Edmund Rice tradition. The school endeavours to be a caring Christian Community which promotes to the best of its ability the personal, spiritual, physical and intellectual development of its students.

## Ethos

As an Edmund Rice School, Scoil Iognáid de Rís seeks to promote the five key elements of an Edmund Rice School as espoused by the ERST Charter:

- Nurturing faith, Christian spirituality and Gospel-based values.
- Promoting partnership in the school community.
- Excelling in teaching and learning.
- Creating a caring school community.
- Inspiring transformational leadership.

# Child Safeguarding Statement



## Child Safeguarding Statement

**Scoil Iognáid de Rís** is a Catholic boys Primary School providing primary education to pupils from Second to Sixth Class.

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 Scoil Iognáid de Rís 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 Niall Bergin.
3. The Deputy Designated Liaison Person is Tom Cunniffe.
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 co-operate 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 to 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.

# Child Safeguarding Statement



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

5. 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, the school 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.
  - Ensures all new staff are provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement.
  - Encourages staff to avail of relevant training.
  - Encourages staff to participate in additional training outside of the mandatory requirements.
  - Encourages Board of Management members to avail of relevant training.
  - 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 abovenamed DLP as the "relevant person" (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) to be the first point of contact in respect of the Child Safeguarding Statement.
- All registered teachers employed by the school are mandated persons under the Children First Act 2015.

# Child Safeguarding Statement



- 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 this statement.
- 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.


**Note:** The above is not intended as an exhaustive list. Individual Boards of Management shall also include in this section such other procedures/measures that are of relevance to the school in question.

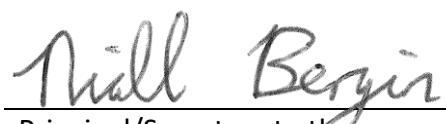
6. This statement has been published on the school's website and has been provided to all members of school personnel, the Parents' Association, the Patron and ERST. It is readily accessible to parents and guardians on request. A copy of this statement will be made available to Tusla and the Department if requested.
7. 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.

The Board formally adopted a Child Safeguarding Statement in accordance with the "Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017" on 05/03/2018.

This Child Safeguarding Statement was reviewed by the Board of Management on 19/09/2022.

The Board has formally adopted, without modification, the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017.

Signed:   
Chairperson of Board of Management

Signed:   
Principal/Secretary to the  
Board of Management

Date: 19/09/2022

Date: 19/09/2022

## Appendix 1 Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment

### Child Safeguarding Statement

#### Written Assessment of Risk of Scoil Iognáid de Rís, Stephen Street, Kilkenny.

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 Scoil Iognáid de Rís, Stephen Street.

#### 1. List of school activities

Risk identified	Potential risk of harm	Procedure in place to manage risk identified
Opening/Closing Times and Break Times	Access to pupils by strangers or other adults.  Risk of harm from other pupils.	Supervision by Staff from 8.45 a.m.  Supervision by Principal/Teacher from 8.45a.m.  Adequate supervision at break times.
Visitors/Visiting Tutors	Tutors behaving inappropriately.  Tutors lacking awareness of child safety issues.	Visitors from reputable organisations with appropriate vetting.  Glass panels in doors.
School Tours/Outings	Access to pupils by strangers.  Inappropriate activity by pupils.  Dangers posed by unfamiliar environment.	Adequate supervision.  Adequate planning and preparation by staff.  School Tour policy followed.

# Child Safeguarding Statement



Risk identified	Potential risk of harm	Procedure in place to manage risk identified
Access/Egress	<p>Access to pupils by strangers or other adults.</p> <p>Flight risk for some pupils.</p>	<p>Magnetic locks on doors.</p> <p>Code changed regularly.</p> <p>Gates locked at break time.</p>
Swimming Lessons/Sports Events	<p>Potential for unsupervised times in changing areas.</p> <p>Access to pupils by strangers or other adults.</p>	<p>Adequate supervision provided.</p> <p>Trained lifeguards in pool.</p>
Social Media	<p>Potential for bullying.</p> <p>Potential for grooming of pupils.</p>	<p>Mobile phones not to be brought to school.</p> <p>Anti-Bullying Policy.</p> <p>Information sessions for pupils, parents and staff.</p> <p>Consent forms from parents to be kept on file.</p> <p>Teachers are legally obliged to teach the Stay Safe Programme.</p>
One to One Teaching/Psychologists and other Professionals	<p>Inappropriate behaviour towards pupil.</p>	<p>All personnel to be Garda vetted.</p> <p>Glass panel in door.</p>



# Child Safeguarding Statement



Risk identified	Potential risk of harm	Procedure in place to manage risk identified
Administration of Medicine	Child being touched inappropriately.	Children to be accompanied at all times.  Consent forms completed and saved.  Teacher not being left alone with child.
Students on work experience from Secondary School.	Students lacking awareness of Child Safety issues.	All students over 16 to be Garda vetted.  Students not to be left alone with child/children without teacher supervision.
Boys being collected from the foyer of the school.	Child not being collected on time.	Wait in lobby under supervision of secretary in office.  Transparent glass screen between secretary and pupil(s).
Transport to outings and matches.	Parents behaving inappropriately	Child should not be left on their own with an adult.  Parents to be Garda vetted.  Two adults to wait with a child outside the school until parent collects.
Covid-19	Please see our Covid-19 Response plan.	Please see our Covid-19 Response plan.

**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*.

# Child Safeguarding Statement



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 September 19<sup>th</sup> 2022. It shall be reviewed as part of the school's annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

Signed:

Chairperson of Board of Management

Signed:

Principal/Secretary to the  
Board of Management

Date: 19/09/2022

Date: 19/09/2022