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;

Colaiste Mhuire Co-Ed, Thurles

May 2020

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.

	Name of School, Safeguarding Risk Assessment							
	Risk Assessment			Risk assessment after application of Control Mea	sures		Action Items from Risk Assessment	
	Activity and Hazard	Risk Identified	Level of Risk L/M/H	Control Measures & Procedures in Place to manage the risk	Level of Risk L/M/H	Responsible Person	Action -(see end of document*) for specific requirements:	
1	Interactions between teachers and students including but not limited to: Classroom teaching Homework club/evening study Outdoor teaching activities Sporting Activities	 Risk of student being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel Risk of harm due to inappropriate relationship/communications between a student and an adult 	M	 The school has provided and informed each member of school staff with a copy of the school's Student Safeguarding Statement The Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017 are made available to all school personnel School Personnel shall adhere to the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017 and all registered teaching staff shall adhere to the Children First Act 2015. School personnel shall adhere to the Teaching Council's Code of Conduct. All staff have been made aware of the Tipperary ETB Dignity Charter for Staff 	L	Class teachers		

2	Interaction between students including but not limited to: • Dismissal of Class • Recreation breaks for students Movement between classes, access and egress to and from classrooms • Use of toilets • Use of PE changing rooms • Outdoor teaching activities • Sporting Activities	 Students unsupervised during timetable classes Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of students Risk of harm due to bullying of student Risk of student being harmed in the school by another student Risk of harm due to inappropriate relationship/communications between a student and another student 	Н	 Teachers informed that they must supervise students for the duration of their timetable The school ensures appropriate supervision of students during breaks. Schedule approved by the BOM 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 in place a code of behaviour for students Tipperary ETB has a Dignity Charter for Staff The school has a PE Policy in respect of changing rooms.
3.1	Students arrival (access) to school facility	Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of students entering and leaving school.	Н	 The school ensures appropriate supervision of students for daily arrival and dismissal as per the allocation provided under the Supervision & Substitution Scheme of the Department of Education and Skills. The school communicates annually by letter with parents/guardians regarding the school's position outside of the times covered by the allocation provided under the Supervision & Substitution Scheme of the Department of Education and Skills. Breakfast Club opens at 8.15 - students to access breakfast club only. Canteen and open area outside the canteen are only areas that are accessible until 8.40. Students can only go to lockers at 8.40 Canteen staff Caretaker Teacher on S&S at designated times Caretaker and canteen staff informed Signs up to inform students Caretaker and canteen staff informed

3.2	Dismissal of students/leaving school facility	Risk of harm due to being unsupervised	Н	 Per Code of Behaviour students may only sign out with a parent during the school day (unless over 18) If student being sent home must be released into care of parent If a student leaves without permission during timetabled time - parents are contacted and Gardaí are contacted. At end of school day an S&S teacher is on duty 	L	Class teacher Year Heads S&S teacher	
4	One-to-one teaching	Risk of harm in one-to-one teaching situation	M	 The school has in place a policy and procedures for one-to-one teaching and counselling with students School Management endeavours that all classrooms, meeting rooms have a glass panel in the door and that, where possible the teacher will leave the door open. The student will always sit in view of the open door/glass pane. All teachers are garda vetted and as members of the teaching council are governed by their code of ethics. 	L	Class teacher	
5	One-to-one counselling	Risk of harm in one-to-one counselling situation	M	 The school has in place a for one-to-one teaching and counselling with students School Management endeavours that all classrooms, meeting rooms have a glass panel in the door and that, where possible the teacher will leave the door open. The student will always sit in view of the open door/glass pane. All teachers are garda vetted and as members of the teaching council are governed by their code of ethics. 	L	Guidance Counsellors	•
6	School outings	Risk of student being harmed by a member of school personnel, a member of staff of another organisation or other person	Н	The school has in place an Educational School Tours/ Trips and extra-curricular Sporting Activities Policy and clear procedures in respect of same.	L	Teacher(s) organising and participating in the trip.	•

		while student participating in out of school activities Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of students while attending out of school activities		 School Management endeavours that all personnel who may be involved with students have up to date Vetting in place An adequate supervision rota is put in place to ensure that students are supervised at all times while attending out of school activities. All event organisers must set up a compass event and as part of that they must tick the box that they are aware of policy pertaining to trips. All teachers are garda vetted and as members of the teaching council are governed by their code of ethics. 	
7	School trips involving overnight stay	 Risk of student being harmed by 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 	Н	 The School has a comprehensive School Tours Policy which is reviewed regularly. A risk assessment is carried out before any students go on a foreign trip and the school personnel accompanying students are briefed on the protocol to follow in the event of an emergency. An Information evening is also provided for parents and pupils. The school has in place an Educational School Tours/ Trips and extra-curricular Sporting Activities Policy and clear procedures in respect of same. Staff are trained on these procedures and on appropriate interventions should a risk arise. All event organisers must set up a compass event and as part of that they must tick the box that they are aware of policy pertaining to trips. All teachers are garda vetted and as members of the teaching council are governed by their code of ethics. 	

8 School trips involving foreign travel	 Risk of student being harmed by 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 	M	 The school observes all current guidelines and notices from the Department of Education and Skills and the Department of Foreign Affairs regarding threat levels in other jurisdictions. The School has put in place a comprehensive School Tours Policy which is reviewed regularly. In compliance with TETB requirements, a risk assessment is carried out before All event organisers must set up a compass event and as part of that they must tick the box that they are aware of policy pertaining to trips. Parents must provide up to date relevant medical reports and the school personnel accompanying students are briefed by parents, on the protocol to follow in the event of an emergency. This is minuted by the tour organiser and signed by parents and tour organiser. An adequate supervision roster is put in place to ensure that students are supervised at all times while attending out of school activities. A Mobile Phone Policy and Internet Acceptable Usage Policy are in place, which govern the use of electronic devices in the school. These also refer to the standards expected of students in relation to their use of Social Media. Parents are updated and briefed on a regular basis regarding use of social media. The school has in place an Educational School Tours/ Trips and extra-curricular Sporting Activities Policy and clear procedures in respect of same. All teachers are garda vetted and as members of the teaching council are governed by their code of ethics. 	L	Teacher(s) organising and participating in the trip.	•	Review following each tour by tour Coordinator Annual review by SMT and Safeguarding Oversight Team
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9	Use of off-site facilities for school activities	 Risk of student being harmed by 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 an off-site facility 	M	 The school has in place an Educational School Tours/ Trips and extra-curricular Sporting Activities Policy and clear procedures in respect of same. Supervised by a member of staff at all times while on these activities. An adequate supervision roster is put in place to ensure that students are supervised at all times while attending out of school activities. A Physical Education Policy is in place and reviewed regularly. 	L	Teacher(s) organising and participating in the activity.	•
10	Annual Sports Day	 Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of students while attending out of school activities Risk of student being harmed by a member of staff of another organisation or other person while student participating in out of school activities 	M	 The school has in place an Educational School Tours/ Trips and extra-curricular Sporting Activities Policy and clear procedures in respect of the same. An adequate supervision roster is put in place to ensure that students are supervised at all times while attending out of school activities. A Physical Education Policy is in place and reviewed regularly. Activities are risk assessed prior to events 	L	Teacher(s) organising and participating/supervising the activity.	•
11	School transport arrangements	Risk of student being harmed while a student is travelling to/from a school activity.	M	It is part of the current ETB tender that the company who is awarded the contract will confirm that their drivers and employees are Garda vetted. This is part of the process of awarding the contract.	L		ETB to ensure that this is confirmed.
12	Management of challenging behaviour amongst students, including appropriate use of restraint where required	 Risk of student being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel Risk of student being harmed in the school by another student 	M	 The school has in place a code of behaviour for students An anti-bullying Policy is in place and is reviewed annually An adequate supervision roster is put in place to ensure that students are supervised. As part of the code of behaviour a "report" system is in place A Student Support Team is in place and meets on a weekly basis. All members of the team have received training. 	L	Teachers Year Heads SMT	Annual review & update of policy. Consistent monitoring of implementation of policy. Consultation with parents and guardians on annual basis, as part of School

13	Application of	 Risk of harm due to inadequate 	M	 A Mobile Phone Policy and Internet Acceptable Usage Policy are in place in the school, which govern the use of electronic devices in the school. They also refer to the standards expected of students in relation to their use of Social Media. Camera surveillance can be used to assist in investigation of breach of the code of behaviour. A comprehensive Code of Behaviour policy L Teachers
	sanctions under the school's Code of Behaviour including detention of students, confiscation of phones etc.	code of behaviour		 is in place and reviewed annually. An anti-bullying Policy is in place and is reviewed annually An adequate supervision roster is put in place to ensure that students are supervised. A Pastoral Care policy is in place in the school in line with the School's Mission Statement & Ethos. A Mobile Phone Policy and Internet Acceptable Usage Policy are in place in the school, which govern the use of electronic devices in the school. They also refer to the standards expected by all
14	Care of students with special educational needs, including intimate care where needed.	 Risk of harm to students with SEN who have particular vulnerabilities Risk of harm to student while a student is receiving intimate care 	M	 A Learning Support Policy is in place in the school and is reviewed & monitored by the SEN Coordinator with School Management on a regular basis. An adequate SNA timetable is in place and is adapted where necessary, to ensure adequate supervision of and care of students with SEN. Regular meetings with the SEN Coordinator and School Management. A Student Support Team is in place at and meets on a weekly basis. All members of the team have received training. A Pastoral Care policy is in place in the school in line with the School's Mission Statement & Characteristic Spirit. The school has an intimate care policy/plan in respect of students who require such care

15	Care of students with specific vulnerabilities/needs including: Students from ethnic minorities/migra nts Members of the Traveller community Lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT) students and students perceived to be LGBT Students of minority religions Children in care Children on CPNS	 Risk of student being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel Risk of student being harmed in the school by another student Risk of harm due to bullying of student 	M	 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 in place a code of behaviour for all students Tipperary ETB has a Dignity Charter for Staff SEN coordinator SNAs Student Support Team Year Heads SCP key worker BFL HSCL	
16	Administration of Medicine	Risk of harm while receiving care	Н	 The school has in place a policy for the administration of medication to students Details of pupils with medical conditions are available subject to consent to relevant staff and school Management 	 Questions asked by Nurse tutors currently being reviewed by ETB
17	Administration of First Aid	Risk of harm while student receiving care	Н	 The school has in place a policy for the administration of First Aid A number of Staff are trained in Occupational First Aid A number of staff are trained on how to use the Defibrillator AED guidelines are in place 	
18	Curricular provision in respect of SPHE, RSE	Risk that curriculum is not covered or covered correctly	М	 The school implements in full the SPHE curriculum The school has an RSE Policy 	•

19	Participation by students in religious ceremonies/religious	Risk of distress on part of student	L	 The school implements in full the Wellbeing Programme at Junior Cycle SPHE coordinator in place SPHE/RSE teachers fully trained Students have the option to opt-out of religious instruction and ceremonies on the request of their parents.
20	instruction external to the school Use of Information and Communication Technology by students in school	Risk of harm due to students inappropriately accessing/using computers, social media, phones and other devices while at school	M	 Supervision is arranged in such instances 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
21	Students participating in work experience in the school	 Risk of student being harmed by a member of staff of another organisation or other person while student participating in work experience Risk of injury 	M	The school has in place a policy and procedures in respect of students undertaking work experience in the school L Course Coordinator Supervising teacher
22	Students from the school participating in work experience elsewhere	Risk of student being harmed by a member of staff of another organisation or other person while student participating in work experience	Н	 The school has in place a policy and procedures in respect of students of the school undertaking work experience in external organisations L Parent (sign is checked by Coordinator) This is being investigated further by ETB at the moment
23	Recruitment of school personnel including -	Risk of student being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel who has not been Garda Vetted or screened at recruitment	L	 TETB adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DES circulars in relation to recruitment and vetting The Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017 are made available to all school personnel. All new staff are given the digital link to the school's Student Safeguarding Statement The school encourages staff to avail of relevant training

				Staff briefing at the beginning of academic year on statutory and non-statutory responsibilities			
24	Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum and / or support sports and other extra-curricular activities Sports coaches External Tutors/Guest Speakers Volunteers/Par ents in school activities	Risk of student being harmed in the school by volunteer or visitor to the school	Н	 The school has in place a Visiting Speakers Policy for the use of external persons to supplement delivery of the curriculum The school has in place a policy and procedures for the use of external sports coaches A teacher will also accompany students Parents/Guardians who volunteer are required to undergo Garda Vetting through TETB. 	L	Special duties post holder for ECA Teachers involved in ECA	
25	Fundraising events involving students	Risk of student being harmed	M	 Fundraising outside school is treated as an Educational activity and the school has a Trips and Educational Activity Policy in place. 	L	Teacher organising event	•
26	Use of video/photography/ot her media to record / at school events	Risk of breach of GDPR	M	 The Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017 are made available to all school personnel. All School personnel are made aware of their duty to report such breaches to school management and/or An Garda Síochána. Opt-in / out question for parents/guardians to indicate preferences re video recording/student images each time if an image of their child is proposed being used. Students name not to be displayed with image. 	L	Year Heads	
27	Use of student images for PR purposes	Risk of breach of GDPR	М	Opt-in / out question for parents/guardians to indicate preferences re student images each time if an image of their child is proposed being used. Need to talk to Denis about this we do it once at the beginning	L	Year Heads	•

28	Student teachers undertaking training placement in school	Risk of student being harmed in the school by a student teacher	L	 The school has in place a policy and procedures in respect of student teacher placements 		Cooperating teacher	
29	After school use of school premises by other organisations	Risk of student being harmed in the school by a visitor to the school	L	The school requires insurance and child protection details to be in place by the visiting organisation.	L	Principal	•
30	Use of school premises by other organisations during school day	Risk of student being harmed in the school a visitor to the school	L	 Safeguarding service level agreement in place prior to school being used. The school has provided each external organisation/staff with a copy of the school's Student Safeguarding Statement and procedures The Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017 are made available to all such personnel External 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. 	L	Teacher organising the event/activity	
31a	Non-curricular related visitor	Risk of student being harmed in the school by a visitor/contractor to the school	Н	The school has a poli in place	L	Teacher arranging visitor	
31b	Non-curricular related contractors present in school during school hours	Risk of student being harmed in the school by a visitor/contractor to the school	Н	 The school has a Health and Safety policy. Policy of external contractors in place and all stakeholders informed about policy and when contractors on site. It will be incumbent on the contractor to confirm the appropriate child protection arrangements are in place before ETB award contracts 	L	• ETB	ETB to ensure that contractor confirms that CP arrangements are in place
32	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	L	 The school has a Health and Safety policy. Policy of external contractors in place and all stakeholders informed about policy and when contractors on site. 	L	• ETB	ETB to ensure that contractor confirms that CP

							arrangements are in place
33	Use of Information and Communication Technology by staff	 Risk of harm caused by member of school personnel communicating with students in an 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 	M	 The school has provided each member of school staff with a copy of the school's Student 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. School personnel are expected to adhere to the Teaching Council's Code of Conduct. The school complies with the agreed disciplinary procedures for teaching staff. 	L	• All staff	•
34	Reporting	 Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by school personnel 	M	 The school has provided each member of school staff with a copy of the school's Student 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 requires all staff to avail of relevant training. All staff are briefed at the beginning of each academic year in relation to Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017. The school complies with the agreed disciplinary procedures for teaching staff. 	L	• All staff	

- School Management ensures that all procedures are in place, shared and being implemented. Risk assessment as an agenda item in the first staff meeting of every year and on induction for staff.
- Staff asked to sign that they have read and understood this document.

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 on14/5/20
It shall be reviewed as part of the school's annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.