



Scoil Ruáin

Child Safeguarding Statement And Risk Assessment



Uimhir Charthanais Chláraithe / Registered Charity Number: **20083595**



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CSS1 — Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment

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For: Scoil Ruáin

At: Killenaule, Thurles, Co. Tipperary

This school is a: ☐ primary ☒ post-primary ☐ special school

In accordance with the requirements of the Children First Act 2015, Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017, the Addendum to Children First (2019) and 2025, the Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025, and Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice, 2nd ed. (Tusla, 2024), the Board of Management has adopted the Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment set out in this document.

The Board of Management has adopted, and will implement fully and without modification, the Department's Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025, superseding the school's previous adoption of the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017.

Key Personnel

Name of the Designated Liaison Person (DLP): Mr. James Williams (Principal)

Name of the Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP/DDLP): Ms. Sinead Corrigan (Deputy Principal)

In the absence of the DLP, the Deputy DLP shall assume the responsibilities of the DLP.

Name of Relevant Person (in schools, this person is the DLP): Mr. James Williams (Principal)

Relevant Person can be contacted on: [052-9156332] [jwilliams@tipperaryetb.ie]

Chief Executive of Tipperary ETB — Clodagh Kelly

Principles of Best Practice

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 protect workers from the necessity to take unnecessary risks that may leave them open to accusations of abuse or neglect;

Online Safety

Scoil Ruáin is a fully digital, one-to-one device school. In line with the Addendum to Children First Guidelines, the Board has specifically considered online safety as part of this risk assessment, including the use of school-issued devices, online/remote teaching and learning, and students' use of social media and messaging platforms. Relevant procedures include the school's Acceptable Use Policy, mobile phone policy, the mobile phone pouch trial for 3rd Year students, and the Bí Cineálta-based Anti-Bullying Policy, which addresses cyberbullying.

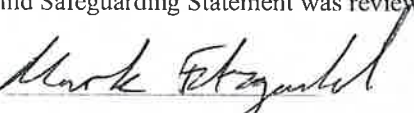
Publication, Adoption and Review

This Statement has been published on the school's website and provided to all school personnel, the Parents' Association (if any) and the patron. 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 a material change in any matter to which it refers.

This Child Safeguarding Statement was adopted by the Board of Management on: 15th September 2025

This Child Safeguarding Statement was reviewed, and updated to reflect the Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025, by the Board of Management on: _____

Signed: 

Chairperson of Board of Management

Signed: 

Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management

Date: 07/09/26

Date: 7-9-26

No.	Activity	Risk(s) Identified	Level of Risk (L/M/H)	Procedures/Measures in Place to Manage the Risk
	Recreation breaks and movement between classes Use of toilets Use of PE changing rooms Outdoor teaching activities Sporting activities	Risk of a student being harmed in the school by another student Risk of harm due to inappropriate relationship/communications between students		The school has in place a code of behaviour for students. Students receive written permission in the school journal to use toilets during class time.
5	Daily arrival and dismissal of students	Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of students entering and leaving school	L	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.
6	One-to-one teaching	Risk of harm in a one-to-one teaching situation	L	The school has provided each member of school staff with a copy of the school's Student Safeguarding Statement (www.scoilruain.ie). The Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025 are made available to all school personnel. School personnel are required to adhere to the Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025 and the Children First Act 2015. All staff are required to adhere to the recommendations for best practice for one-to-one teaching and meetings.
7	One-to-one learning support	Risk of harm in a one-to-one learning support situation	L	The school has provided each member of school staff with a copy of the school's Student Safeguarding Statement. School personnel are required to adhere to the Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025. All staff are required to adhere to the recommendations for best practice for one-to-one teaching and learning support.
8	One-to-one counselling	Risk of harm in a one-to-one counselling situation	L	The school has provided each member of school staff with a copy of the school's Student Safeguarding Statement. The Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025 are made available to all school personnel. School personnel are required to adhere to the Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025 and the Children First Act 2015. All staff are required to adhere to the recommendations for best practice for one-to-one counselling.
9	Online teaching and remote learning, and use of the school's 1:1 digital device programme	Risk of harm due to inappropriate use of online/remote learning platforms (e.g. an uninvited person accessing a lesson link, or inadequate supervision of students in virtual settings) Risk of harm arising from inappropriate use of school-issued digital devices, including cyberbullying and inappropriate contact	L	The school operates a fully digital, 1:1 device programme, supported by a parental hire-purchase scheme. The school has an Acceptable Use Policy covering device use and online/remote teaching, communicated to parents and students. The Anti-Bullying Policy (Bí Cineálta) addresses cyberbullying. Online safety is specifically addressed as part of this risk assessment, in line with the Addendum to Children First Guidelines.
10	School outings	Risk of a student being harmed by a member of school personnel, a member of staff of another organisation, or another person while participating in an out-of-school activity	L	The school has in place an Educational School Tours/Sports Trips Policy and clear procedures in respect of same.

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		Risk of harm to a student while receiving intimate care		
19	Care of students with specific vulnerabilities/needs, including: Students from ethnic minorities/migrants Members of the Traveller community LGBT students and students perceived to be LGBT Students of minority religions Children in care Children on the Child Protection Notification System (CPNS)	Risk of a student being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel Risk of a student being harmed in the school by another student Risk of harm due to bullying of a student	M	The school's Anti-Bullying Policy fully implements the Department's Bí Cineálta anti-bullying procedures. The school has in place a code of behaviour for students.
20	Participation of international students in the school's international education programme (approximately 50 students per year, mainly from Europe)	Risk of harm to international students arising from being resident away from their parents/guardians Language and cultural barriers to disclosure of a concern Risks arising from arrangements with host families/accommodation providers	L	The school's Programme Co-ordinator for International Students oversees the welfare, accommodation and supervision of international students. Host families/accommodation providers are vetted and agree to the school's child protection requirements. International students receive an induction, including on how to raise a concern, and are made aware of the DLP/DDLP in an accessible format.
21	Administration of medicine	Risk of harm to a student in the event of not administering, or incorrectly administering, required medication	L	The school has in place procedures for the administration of medication to students.
22	Administration of first aid	Risk of harm during sporting activities, practical classes and mainstream classes	L	Some staff members are trained in emergency first aid and Cardiac First Response. The school has 2 AED units.
23	Curricular provision in respect of SPHE and RSE			The school implements in full the SPHE curriculum. The school has an RSE Policy. The school implements in full the Wellbeing Programme at Junior Cycle.
24	Participation by students in religious ceremonies/religious instruction external to the school		L	Circular Letter 0013/2018.
25	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	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. A mobile phone pouch trial is in place for 3rd Year students, delivered with Zeeko and funded through secured school funding.
26	Students participating in work experience in the school		L	The school has in place a policy and procedures in respect of students undertaking work experience in the school.

No.	Activity	Risk(s) Identified	Level of Risk (L/M/H)	Procedures/Measures in Place to Manage the Risk
		the school in use by students, or from unsupervised interaction with students during term-time works		Physical segregation/hoarding is maintained between the works area and areas in use by students. A sign-in procedure applies to all construction personnel. The Board's building sub-committee liaises with the DLP on safeguarding arrangements for the duration of the works.
39	Use of Information and Communication Technology by staff	Risk of harm caused by a member of school personnel communicating with students inappropriately via social media, texting, digital device or other means Risk of harm caused by a member of school personnel accessing/circulating inappropriate material via social media, texting, digital device or other means	L	The school has provided each member of school staff with a copy of the school's Student Safeguarding Statement. The Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025 are made available to all school personnel (www.scoilruain.ie). School personnel are required to adhere to the Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025 and the Children First Act 2015. The school complies with the agreed disciplinary procedures for teaching staff.
40	Prevention of, and response to, bullying (including cyberbullying) among students	Risk of harm to a student arising from bullying by another student, including online/cyberbullying	M	The school's Anti-Bullying Policy fully implements the Department's Bí Cineálta procedures (in place since September 2024). The policy is reviewed at least annually, with the outcome of the review reported to the Board of Management and to parents/students. Bullying complaints are logged and managed in line with the policy.
41	Provision of food and drink to students (school canteen/vending)	Risk of harm from an allergic reaction or inadequate food safety/allergen management	L	The school's canteen/catering arrangements comply with food safety and allergen labelling requirements. Staff are made aware of students with known allergies.
42	Reporting	Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by school personnel	L	The school has provided each member of school staff with a copy of the school's Student Safeguarding Statement (www.scoilruain.ie). The Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025 are made available to all school personnel. School personnel are required to adhere to the Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025 and the Children First Act 2015. The school encourages staff to avail of relevant training. The school complies with the agreed disciplinary procedures for teaching staff.

This risk assessment was 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: 
Chairperson of Board of Management

Signed: 
Principal

Date: 07/09/26

Date of next review: September 2027

CSS2 — Review of the Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment

Scoil Ruáin

Board of Management review — Monday, 7 September 2026

DRAFT reconstructed from the Department's published CSS2 structure (Child Protection Safeguarding Booklet, gov.ie/childprotectionschools) — wording is a close paraphrase, not a verbatim copy, since the source could not be downloaded byte-for-byte from this environment.

This review is completed annually, or as soon as practicable after a material change to any matter the Child Safeguarding Statement refers to. Completing this annual review also satisfies the two-year review requirement under section 11(8) of the Children First Act 2015.

Key Contacts

Designated Liaison Person (DLP): Mr. James Williams (Principal)

Date appointed as DLP: 7th September 2026

Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP): Ms. Sinead Corrigan (Deputy Principal)

Date appointed as Deputy DLP: 7th September 2026

Relevant Person (in schools, this is the DLP): Mr. James Williams (Principal)

Relevant Person can be contacted on: [052-9156332] [jwilliams@tipperaryetb.ie]

Tusla contact — Michelle O Hagan Mobile: [+353 (0)87 163 0887] | [Email: michelle.ohagan@tusla.ie]

An Garda Síochána contact — Martin Power, Killenaule, CO. Tipperary [529156202]

1. Checklist for Review of the Child Safeguarding Statement

1. When was the Board's Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment formally adopted under the Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025?

March 2018

2. (a) Where is the Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment displayed in the school?

Displayed at school entrances

(b) Is a student-friendly version, with a photograph of the DLP, displayed alongside it?

Yes

(c) How else have students been informed of the student-friendly version?

Student Diary

3. Has the Board used the most recent CSS1 template and formally adopted, without modification, the Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025? What was the date of the previous review?

☒ Yes ☐ No

[Insert date of previous review — the school's statement was last adopted 7th September 2026.]

4. Has the Board included a written risk assessment as required under the Children First Act 2015, specifically considering online safety?

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

17. Have any such cases been anonymised and redacted as necessary?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

18. Do Board meeting minutes: (a) specify the anonymised documents provided as part of the CPOR; (b) use unique codes to record child protection matters?

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

19. Has the Board undertaken this review and issued/published the notification confirming it (CSS3)?

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

4. Reporting

20. Where are child protection records filed and stored securely?

Principals Office:- Key access DLP & DDLP only

21. How does the Board ensure that reporting to Tusla/An Garda Síochána, where required, follows the procedures in the Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025?

The DLP adheres to the reporting procedures set out in the Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025; all registered teachers are mandated persons under the Children First Act 2015.

5. Curriculum

22. What steps has the Board taken to ensure SPHE, RSE and the Wellbeing Programme are appropriately planned and delivered?

The school implements the Wellbeing Programme at Junior Cycle in full, and has SPHE and RSE curricula/policies in place.

6. Vetting and Recruitment

23. The Board confirms its satisfaction that:

(a) statutory Garda vetting requirements are met; (Tipperary ETB adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant Department circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting).

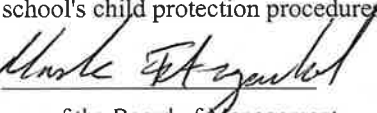
(b) Department requirements on the child protection statutory declaration and form of undertaking are met;

(c) thorough recruitment/selection procedures apply to all personnel, employees and volunteers.

[Confirm (b) and (c) for the Board's minutes.]

Statement by the Board

The Board of Management confirms that it is satisfied that the Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment, and the school's child protection procedures, are being fully and adequately implemented.

Signed: 

Chairperson of the Board of Management

Date: 07/09/26

CSS3 — Notification Regarding the Board of Management's Review of the Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment

Scoil Ruáin

This is the Department's short standard notification,. The wording below matches the official CSS3 template (confirmed against the Department's Child Protection Safeguarding Booklet); only the bracketed fields need completing.

To: Scoil Ruáin Community [i.e. All Parents/Guardians / The Parents' Association / The Patron (Tipperary ETB) / All School Personnel]

The board of management of Scoil Ruáin wishes to inform you that:

- (a) The board of management's annual review of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement was completed at the Board meeting of [7th September 2026].
- (b) This review was conducted in accordance with the board of management's review of the Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment published on www.gov.ie/childprotectionschools.

Signed: 
Chairperson, Board of Management

Date: 07/09/26

Signed: 
Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management

Date: 7-9-26