

## Ráiteas Cosaint Leanaí – Child Safeguarding Statement

<p>Is bunscoil Caitliceach í Gaelscoil Sáirséal a sholáthraíonn oideachas trí Ghaeilge ó Naíonain Shóisearacha go Rang 6.</p>	<p>Gaelscoil Sáirséal is a Catholic Primary School providing education to pupils from Junior Infants to Sixth Class.</p>
<p>In accordance with the requirements of the <a href="#">Children First Act 2015</a>, <a href="#">Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017</a>, <a href="#">the Addendum to Children First (2019)</a>, the <a href="#">Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017</a> and <a href="#">Tusla Guidance on the preparation of Child Safeguarding Statements</a>, the Board of Management of Gaelscoil Sáirséal has agreed the Child Safeguarding Statement set out in this document.</p>	
<p>Ghlac an mBord Bainistíochta le Nósanna Imeachta um Chosaint Leanaí do Bhunscoileanna agus Iar-bhunscoileanna 2017 na Roinne agus déanfar iad a chur i bhfeidhm go hiomlán, gan athrú gan leasú mar chuid den Ráiteas foriomlán seo maidir le Cosaint Leanaí</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Is é an Duine Idirchaidrimh Ainmnithe (DIA) ná Ian Ó Madagáin</p>	<p>The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is Ian Ó Madagáin.</p>
<p>Is í an Leas-Duine Idirchaidrimh Ainmnithe (D/DIA) ná Edel Nic Éanaigh</p>	<p>The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP) is Edel Nic Éanaigh.</p>
<p>Aithníonn an Bord Bainistíochta go bhfuil cúrsaí cosanta agus leasa leanaí fite fuaite le gach gné de shaol na scoile agus nach mór é sin a léiriú i ngach ceann de bheartais, nósanna imeachta, cleachtais agus gníomhaíochtaí na scoile. I ndáil lena bheartais, nósanna imeachta, cleachtais agus gníomhaíochtaí, cloífidh an scoil leis na prionsabail seo a leanas den dea-chleachtas maidir le cosaint leanaí agus leas leanaí:</p>	<p>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:</p>
<p>Tá na nósanna imeachta/bearta seo a leanas ar bun:</p>	<p>The school will also adhere to the above principles in relation to any adult pupil with a special vulnerability. The following procedures/measures are in place:</p>
<p>I gcas baill ar bith den fhoireann is ábhar d'iniúchadh ar bith (cibé caoi a thuairiscítear é) i leith aon ghnímh, neamhghnímh nó cúinse i leith linbh atá ag freastal ar an scoil, cloíonn an scoil leis na nósanna imeachta cuí atá leagtha amach i gCaibidil 7 de na Nósanna Imeachta um Chosaint Leanaí do Bhunscoileanna agus Iarbhunscoileanna 2017 agus leis na nósanna imeachta ábhartha araíonachta do bhaill foirne scoile atá foilsithe ar shuíomh idirlín na Roinne</p>	<p>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 DE website.</p>

Maidir le roghnú agus earcú ball foirne agus lena n-oiriúnacht chun oibriú le leanaí, cloíonn an scoil le riachtanais reachtúla grinnfhiosrúcháin na nAchtanna um an mBiúró Náisiúnta Grinnfhiosrúcháin (Leanaí agus Daoine Soghonta), 2012 go 2016 agus leis an treoir leathan maidir leis an dualgas cúraim atá leagtha sna ciorcláin ábhartha de chuid an Gharda a bhaineann le grinnfhiosrúchán agus earcaíocht agus atá arna bhfoilsiú ag an ROE agus le fáil ar shuíomh idirlín na ROE.

Maidir le soláthar an eolais agus, áit is gá, an teagaisc agus na hoiliúna do lucht foirne chun a shonrú go bhfuil an díobháil (mar a shainmhínítear í in Acht 2015) tarlaithe rinne an scoil na nithe seo a leanas:

- Cóip de Ráiteas na scoile maidir le Cumhdach Leanaí a chur ar fáil do gach ball den fhoireann
- A chinntiú go gcuirfear cóip de Ráiteas na scoile maidir le Cumhdach Leanaí ar fáil do gach ball nua den fhoireann
- Lucht foirne a spreagadh chun leas a bhaint as oiliúint chuí
- Comhaltai den Bhord Bainistíochta a spreagadh chun leas a bhaint as oiliúint chuí
- Coimeádann an Bord Bainistíochta taifid de gach oiliúint a chuirtear ar lucht foirne agus ar chomhaltai den Bhord

Maidir le hábhair imní i dtaobh na cosanta leanaí a thuairisciú do Tusla, ní mór do gach ball foirne cloí leis na nósanna imeachta atá leagtha amach sna Nósanna Imeachta um Chosaint Leanaí do Bhunscoileanna agus Iarbunscoileanna 2017 ar a n-áirítear, i gcás múinteoirí cláráithe, iad siúd a bhaineann le tuairisciú sainordaithe faoin Acht um Thús Áite do Leanaí 2015.

I nGaelscoil Sáirséal tá an DIA Príomhoide Ian Ó Madagáin thuasluaite ceaptha ag an mBord mar an "duine cuí" (mar a shainmhínítear sin san Acht um Thús Áite do Leanaí 2015) chun bheith mar an gcéad pointe teagmhála i leith an Ráitis maidir le Cosaint Leanaí

Daoine sainordaithe is ea gach múinteoir cláráithe arna fhostú ag an scoil faoin Acht um Thús Áite do Leanaí 2015. Tá sé seo ar eolas ag foireann na scoile

De réir Acht um Thús Áite do Leanaí 2015 agus

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 Department of Education and available on the DE 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 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 Ian Ó Madagáin as the "relevant person" (as defined in the Children First Act 2015) to be the first point of contact in respect of the schools 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 and the Addendum to Children First (2019), the

<p>Aguisin Thús Áite do Leanaí (2019) rinne an Bord Bainistíochta measúnú riosca díobhála le haghaidh leanaí ag freastal ar an scoil nó ag glacadh páirt i gníomhaíochtaí scoile. Iniata leis an Ráiteas Cosaint Leanaí tá measúnú riosca scríofa le nósanna na scoile a bhaineann le bainistiú riosca.</p> <p>Is féidir rochtain ar na nósanna imeachta éagsúla dá dtagraítear sa Ráiteas seo trí shuíomh idirlín na scoile, nó trí shuíomh idirlín na ROE nó cuirfidh an scoil ar fáil iad ach iad a iarraidh.</p> <p>Athbhreithneofar an Ráiteas seo maidir le Cosaint Leanaí gach bliain nó a luaithe is indéanta tar éis d'athrú ábhartha bheith déanta maidir le haon ní dá dtagraíonn an ráiteas seo.</p>	<p>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 included with the Child Safeguarding Statement.</p> <p>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 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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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Ghlac an Bord Bainistíochta leis an Ráiteas seo maidir le Cosaint Leanaí ar an 21.09.2021.

This Child Safeguarding Statement was adopted by the Board of Management on 21.09.2021.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson of Board of Management

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Measúnacht Scríofa – Written Assessment of Risk

De réir alt 11 den Acht um Thús Áite do Leanaí 2015 agus an cheanglais i gCaibidil 8 de na Nósanna Imeachta um Chosaint Leanaí do Bhunscoileanna agus Iar-bhunscoileanna 2017, is mar seo a leanas an Mheasúnacht Riosca Scríofa Gaelcoil Sáirséal.

In accordance with section 11 of the Children First Act 2015 and with the requirements of Chapter 8 of the *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017*, the following is the Written Risk Assessment of Gaelcoil Sáirséal.

### 1. Liosta de Gníomhaíochtaí Scoile – List of school activities

Teacht le chéile agus Imeacht na bpáistí gach lá	Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils
Am sosa agus am lóin na bpáistí	Pupils' breaks
Múineadh sa seomra ranga	Classroom Teaching
Gníomhaíochtaí Múinte lasmuigh	Teaching activities outside
Múineadh ins an Seomra Ranga Taobh Amuigh	Teaching in the Outdoor Classroom (Polytunnel)
Úsáid an leithris/athrú éadaí sa scoil	Use of toilet/changing areas in the school
Cúrsaí Spóirt	Sporting activities
Lá Spóirt	Sports Day
Turasanna Scoile	School trips
Úsáid áiseanna lasmuigh de láthair na scoile do chúrsaí scoile (MSh Páirc Shíol Bhroin nó an Linn Snámha Grove Island)	Use of off-site facilities for school activities (Eg Shelbourne Park or Grove Island Swimming Pool)
Dáileadh Leighis ar scoil	Administration of Medicine
Dáileadh Gar-Chabhair ar scoil	Administration of First Aid

### 2. Nósanna Imeachta

*Tá na nósanna imeachta seo a leanas ar bun ag an scoil chun aghaidh a thabhairt ar na rioscaí díobhála atá sonraithe sa mheasúnacht seo*

*The school has identified the following risk of harm in respect of its activities*

An riosca díobhála gan bheith sonraithe ag foireann na scoile	Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel
An riosca díobhála gan bheith tuairiscithe i gceart agus go pras ag an bhfoireann	Risk of harm not being reported and promptly by school personnel
An riosca go ndéanfaid ball d'fhoireann na scoile díobháil do leanbh sa scoil	Risk of child being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel

An riosca go ndéanfaidh leanbh eile díobháil do leanbh sa scoil	Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child
An riosca go ndéanfaidh oibrí deonach nó cuairteoir díobháil do leanbh sa scoil	Risk of child being harmed in the school by volunteer or visitor to the school
An riosca go ndéanfaidh ball foirne, ball d'fhoireann eagraíochta eile nó duine eile díobháil do leanbh agus an leanbh ag glacadh páirte i ngníomhaíochtaí lasmuigh den scoil e.g. turas scoile, ceachtanna snámha	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 tour, swimming lessons
An riosca go ndéanfaí díobháil do leanbh mar gheall ar bhulaíocht ar an leanbh	Risk of harm due to bullying of child
An riosca go ndéanfaí díobháil do leanbh mar gheall ar gan mhaoirseacht ar leanaí ar scoil nach bhfuil leordhóthanach –	Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children in school
An riosca go ndéanfaí díobháil do leanbh mar gheall ar gan mhaoirseacht ar leanaí agus iad ag freastal ar ghníomhaíochtaí lasmuigh den scoil	Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children while attending out of school activities
An riosca go ndéanfaí díobháil do leanbh mar gheall ar chaidreamh/cumarsáidí míchuí idir an leanbh agus leanbh eile nó duine fásta	Risk of harm due to inappropriate relationship/communications between child and another child or adult
An riosca go ndéanfaí díobháil do leanbh mar gheall ar linbh bheith ag rochtain ar nó ag úsáid ríomhairí, meán sóisialta, fóin agus fearais eile agus iad ar scoil	Risk of harm due to children inappropriately accessing/using computers, social media, phones and other devices while at school
An riosca go ndéanfaí díobháil do leanbh a bhfuil RSO orthu agus a bhfuil soghontachtaí ar leith orthu	Risk of harm to children with SEN who have particular vulnerabilities
An riosca go ndéanfaí díobháil do leanbh agus dlúthchúram á fháil ag an leanbh	Risk of harm to child while a child is receiving intimate care
An riosca go ndéanfaí díobháil do leanbh mar gheall ar chód iompraíochta nach bhfuil leordhóthanach	Risk of harm due to inadequate code of behaviour
An riosca go ndéanfaí díobháil do leanbh le linn do mhúineadh duine-le-duine	Risk of harm during one-to-one teaching
An riosca go ndéanfaí díobháil do leanbh mar gheall ar bhall d'fhoireann na scoile bheith ag déanamh cumarsáide le daltaí go míchuí trí na meáin shóisialta, téacsáil, fearas digiteach nó ar bhealach eile	Risk of harm caused by member of school personnel accessing/circulating inappropriate material via social media, texting, digital device or other manner
An riosca go ndéanfaí díobháil do leanbh mar gheall ar bhall d'fhoireann na scoile bheith ag	Risk of harm caused by member of school personnel accessing/circulating inappropriate

rochtain ar nó ag scaipeadh ábhair mhíchuí trí na meáin shóisialta, téacsáil, fearas digiteach nó ar bhealach eile	material via social media, texting, digital device or other manner
An riosca go ndéantar duine féin-dochar	Risk of self-harm
An riosca d' iarmhairtí a bhaineann le coinníollacha nó tinneas	Risk of harm due to medical conditions

3. The school has the following procedures in place to address the risks of harm identified in this assessment –

<p>Cóip de Ráiteas na scoile maidir le Cumhdach Leanaí a chur ar fáil do gach ball den fhoireann</p> <p>Tá na Treoirínte ar Chaomhnú Paistí do Bhunscoileanna agus Iarbhunscoileanna ar fáil do gach ball fóirne</p> <p>Ní mór do gach ball fóirne cláraithe cloí leis na treoirínte ar Chaomhnú Paistí do Bhunscoileanna agus Iarbhunscoileanna agus Children First 2015</p> <p>A chinntiú go gcuirfear cóip de Ráiteas na scoile maidir le Cumhdach Leanaí ar fáil do gach ball nua den fhoireann</p> <p>Baill foirne a spreagadh chun leas a bhaint as oiliúint chuí</p> <p>Comhaltaí den Bhord Bainistíochta a spreagadh chun leas a bhaint as oiliúint chuí</p> <p>Coimeádann an Bord Bainistíochta taifid de gach oiliúint a chuirtear ar lucht foirne agus ar chomhaltaí den Bhord</p>	<p>All school personnel are provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement</p> <p>The Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017 are made available to all school personnel</p> <p>School Personnel are required to adhere to the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2015 and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the Children First Act 2015</p> <p>The school ensures all new staff are provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement</p> <p>The school encourages staff to avail of relevant training</p> <p>Encourages board of management members to avail of relevant training</p> <p>Maintains records of all staff and board member training</p>
<p><b>Déanfaidh an Scoil:</b></p> <p>glacadh leis go bhfuil fiorthábhacht le cosaint leanaí agus leas leanaí, gan bheann ar aon cheist eile</p> <p>comhoibriú go hiomlán leis na hoibleagáidí reachtúla faoin Acht um Thús Áite do Leanaí 2015 agus le reachtaíocht eile a bhaineann le cosaint agus leas leanaí</p> <p>comhoibriú go hiomlán leis na húdaráis reachtúla cuí maidir le cosaint agus leas leanaí</p>	<p><b>The school will:</b></p> <p>recognise that the protection and welfare of children is of paramount importance, regardless of all other considerations</p> <p>fully comply with its statutory obligations under the Children First Act 2015 and other relevant legislation relating to the protection and welfare of children;</p> <p>fully co-operate with the relevant statutory authorities in relation to child protection and welfare matters;</p>



<p>cleachtais sábháilte a ghlacadh chuici féin d'fhonn an dóigh go mbainfeadh díobháil nó tionóisc do leanbh a mhaolú oiread agus is féidir agus an lucht oibre a chosaint ó chall dul sa mbaol go gcuirfí drochúsáid nó faillí ina leith</p> <p>cleachtas ionracais le tuismitheoirí a thabhairt chun cinn agus iad a spreagadh le bheith rannpháirteach in oideachas a gcuid leanaí</p> <p>meas iomlán a léiriú ar riachtanais rúndachta agus í ag déileáil le cúrsaí cosanta leanaí</p>	<p>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</p> <p>develop a practice of openness with parents and encourage parental involvement in the education of their children; and</p> <p>fully respect confidentiality requirements in dealing with child protection matters.</p>
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<p><b>Nóta Tábhachtach:</b></p> <p>Is ceart a thabhairt faoi deara gurb é atá i gceist le baol i gcomhthéacs na measúnachta riosca seo ná an riosca "díobhála" mar a shainmhínítear é san Acht um Thús Áite do Leanaí 2015 agus nach é an riosca ginearálta i leith sláinte agus sábháilteachta atá i gceist. Leagtar amach an tsainmhíniú ar an "díobháil" i gCaibidil 4 de na Níosanna Imeachta um Chosaint Leanaí do Bhunscoileanna agus Iarbunscoileanna 2017.</p>	<p><b>Important Note:</b></p> <p>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 <i>Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017</i></p>
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<p>Tá an ráiteas seo foilsithe ar shuíomh idirlín na scoile agus tá sé tugtha do gach ball foirne, do Chumann na dTuismitheoirí agus don phátrún. Tá sé ar fáil go héasca do thuismitheoirí agus caomhnóirí ach é a iarraidh. Cuirfear cóip den Ráiteas seo ar fáil do Thusla agus don Roinn ach ceann a iarraidh. Athbhreithneofar an Ráiteas seo maidir le Cumhdach Leanaí gach bliain nó a luaithe is indéanta tar éis d'athrú ábhartha bheith déanta maidir le haon ní dá dtagraíonn an ráiteas seo</p>	<p>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.</p>
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This Risk Assessment was carried by the Board of Management on 21.09.2021.

Signed: 

Chairperson of Board of Management

Date: 21.09.2021

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Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management

Date: 21.09.2021