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Child Protection Procedures (2023 Guidelines)

Ó Fiaich College, Hoey's Lane, Dublin Road, Dundalk, Co. Louth, A91WK75

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Child Safeguarding Statement Notice

Ó Fiaich College/Institute

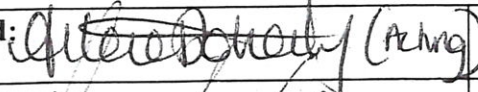
The Board of Management has formally adopted a Child Safeguarding Statement in accordance with the requirements of the [Children First Act 2015](#), [Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017](#), [the Addendum to Children First \(2019\)](#), the [Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools \(revised 2023\)](#) and [Tusla Guidance on the preparation of Child Safeguarding Statements](#), at its Board of Management meeting on:

10/09/2025

As part of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement, the Board of Management has formally adopted, without modification the Department's [Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools \(revised 2023\)](#)

The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is:	Padraig Mc Govern
The Deputy Designated Liaison Persons (DDLDP) are:	Audrey Flood, John Caraher, Conor Rafferty
The Relevant Person is:	Padraig Mc Govern

- The School's Child Safeguarding Statement includes a written risk assessment 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 (revised 2023)*. A copy of this school's Child Safeguarding Statement is posted alongside this notice.
- An Annual review of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement will be carried out by the Board of Management in accordance with the "Checklist for Review of the Child Safeguarding Statement" published on the Department's website www.gov.ie

Signed: 	Chairperson Board of Management	Date: 10/09/2025
Signed: 	Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management	Date: 10/09/2025

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Child Safeguarding Statement & Risk Assessment

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Child Safeguarding Statement

Ó Fiaich Educational Campus, Dublin Road, Dundalk, Co. Louth comprises Ó Fiaich College and Ó Fiaich Institute of Further Education.

Ó Fiaich College

Is a post primary school providing post primary education to pupils from First Year to Leaving Certificate year.

Ó Fiaich Institute of Further Education

Provides a range of further education and training to students from 17 years upwards.

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 \(2019\)](#), [the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools \(revised 2023\)](#), the [Child Protection and Safeguarding Procedures for Boarding Facilities associated with Recognised Schools 2023](#) and [Tusla Guidance on the preparation of Child Safeguarding Statements](#), the board of management of Ó Fiaich College has agreed the Child Safeguarding Statement set out in this document.

- 1 The board of management of Ó Fiaich College has adopted and will implement fully and without modification the Department's *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools (revised 2023)* and the *Child Protection and Safeguarding Procedures for Boarding Facilities associated with Recognised Schools 2023* as part of this overall Child Safeguarding Statement
- 2 The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is **Padraig Mc Govern**
- 3 The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP) is **Audrey Flood, John Caraher, Conor Rafferty**
- 4 The Relevant Person is **Padraig Mc Govern**

(The relevant person is one who can provide information in respect of how the child safeguarding statement was developed and will be able to provide the statement on request. This person can also be the DLP)

- 5 The Board of Management/Management authority of Ó Fiaich College recognises that child protection and welfare considerations permeate all aspects of school and boarding school life and must be reflected in all of the school's/management authority's policies, procedures, practices and activities. In its policies, procedures, practices and activities, the board of management/management authority will adhere to the following principles of best practice in child protection and welfare:

The board of management/management authority 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 themselves open to accusations of abuse or neglect;

- develop a practice of openness with parents and encourage parental involvement in the education and care of their children; and
- fully respect confidentiality requirements in dealing with child protection matters.

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

6 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/boarding facility, the board of management/management authority adheres to the relevant procedures set out in Chapter 7 of the *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools (revised 2023)*, the relevant procedures set out in the *Child Protection and Safeguarding Procedures for Boarding Facilities associated with Recognised Schools 2023* and to the relevant agreed disciplinary procedures for school/boarding facility staff which are published on the gov.ie.
- In relation to the selection or recruitment of staff and their suitability to work with children, the board of management/management authority 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 gov.ie.
- 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 board of management/management authority-
 - Has provided each member of staff with a copy of the school/boarding facility's Child Safeguarding Statement
 - Ensures all new staff are provided with a copy of the school/boarding facility's Child Safeguarding Statement
 - Encourages staff to avail of relevant training
 - Encourages board of management/management authority members to avail of relevant training
 - The board of management/management authority maintains records of all staff and board member training
- In relation to reporting of child protection concerns to Tusla, all school/boarding facility personnel are required to adhere to the procedures set out in the *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools (revised 2023)* and the *Child Protection and Safeguarding Procedures for Boarding Facilities associated with Recognised Schools 2023* including, in the case of registered teachers and any boarding facility staff who are mandated persons, those in relation to mandated reporting under the Children First Act 2015.
- There is a procedure in place for maintaining a list of mandated persons. All registered teachers employed by the school/management authority are mandated persons under the Children First Act 2015.
(A boarding authority may have mandated persons other than teachers employed in the facility e.g. pastoral care worker, registered nurse, member of the clergy or others who could be listed in this paragraph. Please refer to Schedule 2 of the Children First Act 2015. This link may be helpful: <https://www.tusla.ie/children-first/mandated-persons/am-i-a-mandated-person/> and this bracketed section should be deleted when this paragraph has been completed)

A written assessment setting out the areas of risk identified and the school/boarding facility's procedures for managing those risks is included with the Child Safeguarding Statement.

- The various procedures referred to in this Statement can be accessed via the school/boarding facility's website, gov.ie or will be made available on request by the school/boarding facility.

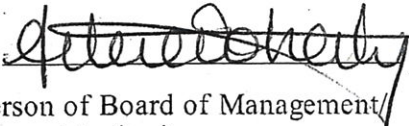
Note: The above is not intended as an exhaustive list. Individual boards of management/management authorities shall also include in this section such other procedures/measures that are of relevance to the school/boarding facility in question.

- 7 This statement has been published on the school/boarding facility's website and has been provided to all members of school/boarding facility 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.
- 8 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 was adopted by the board of management/management authority on 10/09/2025

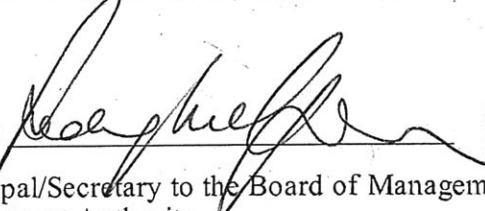
This Child Safeguarding Statement was reviewed by the board of management/management authority on 10/09/2025

Signed:



Chairperson of Board of Management/
Management Authority

Signed:



Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management/
Management Authority

Date:

10/9/25

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For information in respect of how the child safeguarding statement was developed or to request a copy of the statement, please contact the relevant person noted at the beginning of this child safeguarding statement

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Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment

Written Assessment of Risk of Ó Fiaich College

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 (revised 2023)* and the *Child Protection and Safeguarding Procedures for Boarding Facilities associated with Recognised Schools 2023*, the following is the Written Risk Assessment of Ó Fiaich College.

1. List of school activities

- Daily arrival and dismissal of pupils
- Recreation breaks for pupils
- Classroom teaching
- One-to-one teaching
- One-to-one counselling
- One-to-one learning support
- One-to-one behaviour support & mentoring
- Outdoor teaching activities
- Remote teaching using the digital classroom
- Blended learning & online TEACHING
- Sporting activities
- School outings
- School trips involving overnight stay
- School trips involving foreign travel
- Use of toilet/changing/shower areas in schools
- Annual Sports Day/Active Week
- Fundraising/Charity events involving pupils
- Use of off-site facilities for school activities
- School transport arrangements including use of bus escorts
- Care of children with special educational needs, including intimate care where needed
- Care of any vulnerable adult students, including intimate care where needed
- Management of challenging behaviour amongst pupils, including appropriate use of restraint where required
- Management of provision of food & drink
- Administration of Medicine
- Administration of First Aid
- Curricular provision in respect of SPHE & RSE
- Prevention and dealing with bullying amongst pupils
- Training of school personnel in child protection matters
- Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum
- Use of external personnel to support sports and other extra-curricular activities

- Care of pupils with specific vulnerabilities/ needs such as;
 - Pupils from ethnic minorities/migrants
 - Members of the Traveller community
 - Lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT) children
 - Pupils perceived to be LGBT
 - Pupils of minority religious faiths
 - Children in care
 - Children on CPNS
 - Children with medical needs
- Recruitment of school personnel including;
 - Teachers/SNAs/PAs
 - Caretaker/Secretary/Cleaners
 - Sports coaches
 - External Tutors/Guest Speakers
 - Volunteers/Parents in school activities
 - Visitors/contractors present in school during school hours
 - Visitors/contractors present during after school activities
- Participation by pupils in religious ceremonies/religious instruction external to the school
- Use of Information and Communication Technology by pupils in school
- Use of the digital classroom for Teaching & Learning and other activities
- Application of sanctions under the school's Code of Behaviour including detention of pupils, confiscation of phones etc.
- Students participating in work experience in the school
- Students from the school participating in work experience elsewhere
- Student teachers/PME students undertaking training placement in school
- Use of video/photography/other media to record school events
- After school use of school premises by other organisations
- Use of school premises by other organisations during school day
- Breakfast club
- Nurture Group
- Homework club/evening study
- Ó Fiaich Academy and other Clubs & Societies

1.1 List of boarding facility activities

N/A

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

- Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel
- Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by school personnel
- Risk of child being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel
- Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child
- Risk of child being harmed in the school by volunteer or visitor to the school
- 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 trip, swimming lessons
- Risk of harm due to bullying of child
- Risk of harm due to racism
- Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children in school
- Risk of harm due to inadequate supervision of children while attending out of school activities
- Risk of harm due to inappropriate relationship/communications between child and another child or adult
- Risk of harm due to children inappropriately accessing/using computers, social media, phones and other devices while at school
- Risk of harm due to inappropriate use of online remote teaching and learning communication platform such as an uninvited person accessing the lesson link, students being left unsupervised for long periods of time in breakout rooms
- Risk of harm to children with SEN who have particular vulnerabilities, including medical vulnerabilities
- Risk of harm to child while a child is receiving intimate care
- Risk of harm due to non-compliance with school code of behaviour
- Risk of harm due to non-compliance with school policies
- Risk of harm due to non-compliance with the school AUP
- Risk of harm in one-to-one teaching, counselling, coaching situation
- Risk of harm caused by member of school personnel communicating with pupils in an inappropriate 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

2.1 The boarding facility has identified the following risk of harm in respect of its activities

N/A

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

- All school/college personnel are provided with a copy of the school's *Child Safeguarding Statement*
- The *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools (revised 2023)* are made available to all school personnel
- School Personnel are required to adhere to the *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools (revised 2023)* and all registered teaching staff are required to adhere to the *Children First Act 2015* and its Addendum (2019)
- The school implements in full the SPHE curriculum
- The school implements in full the Wellbeing Programme at Junior Cycle
- 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* and runs an annual Anti Bullying week
- The school/college undertakes anti-racism awareness initiatives and runs an annual intercultural week
- The school has a yard/playground supervision rota to ensure appropriate supervision of children during, assembly, dismissal and breaks and in respect of specific areas such as toilets, changing rooms etc.
- The school/college implements the LMETB policy in respect of school outings
- The school/college has a Health and safety statement
- The school/college adheres to the requirements of the Garda vetting legislation and relevant DoES circulars in relation to recruitment and Garda vetting
- The school/college has a code of conduct for school personnel (teaching and non-teaching staff)
- The school/college complies with the agreed disciplinary procedures for teaching staff
- The school has a Special Educational Needs policy
- The school implements the LMETB intimate care policy/plan in respect of students who require such care
- The school has in place procedures for the administration of medication to pupils
- The school/college:
 - Has provided each member of school 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 & receive induction on school procedures
 - Encourages staff to avail of relevant training & CPD
 - Encourages board of management members to avail of relevant training
 - Maintains records of all staff and board member training
 - Regularly updates staff on Child Protection policies & procedures
- The school has in place procedures for the administration of First Aid

- The school has in place a code of behaviour/practice for pupils/learners
- The school has in place an ICT policy in respect of usage of ICT by pupils
- The school has in place an AUP to promote safe and responsible use of the internet & computer resources for all school stakeholders
- The school has in place procedures in respect of usage of smart phones and tablet devices by pupils as per circular 38/2018
- The school has in place a Critical Incident Management Plan
- The school has in place a Home School Liaison policy and related procedures
- The school has in place procedures for the use of external persons to supplement delivery of the curriculum
- The school has in place procedures for the use of external sports coaches
- The school has in place procedures for one-to-one teaching activities
- The school has in place procedures for one-to-one counselling
- The school has in place procedures in respect of student teacher placements
- The school has in place a policy and procedures in respect of students undertaking work experience in the school
- The school has in place a policy and procedures in respect of pupils of the school undertaking work experience in external organisations
- The school has in place procedures for remote Teaching & Learning in line with guidance received from DoES, ETBI & LMETB
- The school will develop a policy to deal with the Covid-19 pandemic threat & will review & update existing policies in line with this overall policy
- The school has in place procedures for reporting a concern about a child's safety or welfare during Covid-19 school closures, bearing in mind that the Covid-19 Pandemic;
 - *Signifies the disruption of a support network for many young people in Ireland*
 - *Puts young people and families who are already vulnerable under stress Heightens the risk of abuse and neglect*

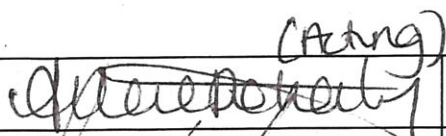
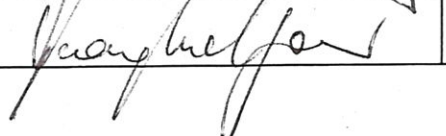
3.1 The boarding facility has the following procedures in place to address the risks of harm identified in this assessment

N/A

remove all risk of harm, the school/board facility has in place the procedures listed in this risk assessment to manage and reduce risk to the greatest possible extent.

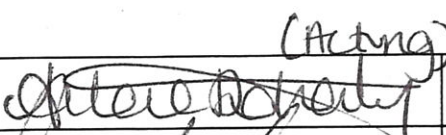
This Child Safeguarding Statement & Risk Assessment was adopted by the Board of Management on

10th September 2025

Signed: 	Chairperson Board of Management	Date: 10/09/2025
Signed: 	Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management	Date: 10/09/2025

This Child Safeguarding Statement & Risk Assessment was reviewed by the Board of Management on

10th September 2025

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

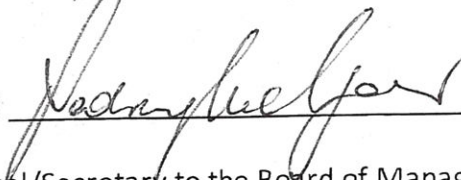
To: Chairperson LMETB Board,

The Board of Management of Ó Fiaich College 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 10th September 2025.
- This review was conducted in accordance with the "Checklist for Review of the Child Safeguarding Statement" published on the gov.ie website

Signed  (Chairng) Date 10/9/25

Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed  Date 10/09/25
Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management

Child Safeguarding Statement & Risk Assessment – Annual Review

Checklist for Review of the Child Safeguarding Statement

The [Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools \(revised 2023\)](#) 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 (revised 2023)*.

	Yes/No
1. Has the Board formally adopted a Child Safeguarding Statement in accordance with the <i>Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools (revised 2023)</i> ?	✓
2. Is the Board satisfied that the Child Safeguarding Statement is displayed in a prominent place near the main entrance to the school?	✓*
3. As part of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement, has the Board formally adopted, without modification, the <i>Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools (revised 2023)</i> ?	✓
4. Does the school's Child Safeguarding Statement include a written assessment of risk as required under the Children First Act 2015? (This includes considering the specific 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 risk as part of this overall review?	✓
6. Has the Risk Assessment taken account of the risk of harm relevant to online teaching and learning remotely?	✓
7. Has the DLP attended available child protection training?	✓
8. Has the Deputy DLP attended available child protection training?	✓
9. Have any members of the Board attended child protection training?	✓*
10. Has the school appointed a DLP and a Deputy DLP?	✓
11. Are the relevant contact details (Tusla and An Garda Síochána) to hand?	✓
12. Has the Board arrangements in place to communicate the school's Child Safeguarding Statement to new school personnel?	✓*
13. Is the Board satisfied that all school personnel have been made aware of their responsibilities under the <i>Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools (revised 2023)</i> and the Children First Act 2015?	✓
14. Has the Board received a Principal's Child Protection Oversight Report (CPOR) at each Board meeting held since the last review was undertaken?	✓

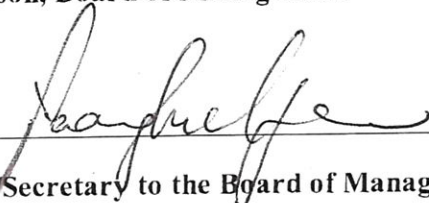
15. Since the Board's last review, did each CPOR contain all of the information required under each of the 4 headings set out in sections 9.5 to 9.8 inclusive of the procedures?	✓
16. Since the Board's last review, has the Board been provided with and reviewed all records relevant to the CPOR?	✓
17. Is the Board satisfied that the records provided are anonymised and redacted as necessary to ensure that the identities of children and any other parties, including school personnel, to whom the concern or report relates are not disclosed?	✓
18. 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?	✓
19. Have the minutes of each Board meeting appropriately recorded the CPOR?	✓
20. Is the Board satisfied that the child protection procedures in relation to the making of reports to Tusla/An Garda Síochána were appropriately followed in each case reviewed?	✓
21. 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 allegation of abuse or neglect has been made?*	✓
22. Where applicable, were unique identifiers used to record child protection matters in the Board minutes?	✓
23. Is the Board satisfied that all records relating to child protection are appropriately filed and stored securely?	✓
24. Has the Board been notified by any parent in relation to that parent not receiving the standard notification required under section 5.6 of the <i>Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools (revised 2023)</i> ?	×
25. In relation to any cases identified at question 20 above, has the Board ensured that any notifications required under section 5.6 of the <i>Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools (revised 2023)</i> were subsequently issued by the DLP?	✓
26. Has the Board ensured that the Parents' Association (if any), has been provided with the school's Child Safeguarding Statement?	✓*
27. Has the Board ensured that the patron has been provided with the school's Child Safeguarding Statement?	✓*
28. Has the Board ensured that the school's Child Safeguarding Statement is available to parents on request?	✓
29. Has the Board ensured that the Stay Safe programme is implemented in full in the school? (applies to primary schools)	N/A
30. Has the Board ensured that the Wellbeing Programme for Junior Cycle students is implemented in full in the school? (applies to post-primary schools)	✓
31. Has the Board ensured that the SPHE curriculum is implemented in full in the school?	✓
32. Is the Board satisfied that the statutory requirements for Garda Vetting have been met in respect of all school personnel (employees and volunteers)? *	✓
33. 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 been met in respect of persons appointed to teaching and non-teaching positions?*	✓
34. 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 (employees and volunteers)?*	✓
35. Has the Board considered and addressed any complaints or suggestions for improvements regarding the school's Child Safeguarding Statement?	✓
36. 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 <i>Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools (revised 2023)</i> ?	✓*
37. Has the Board sought the feedback of pupils in relation to the school's child safeguarding arrangements?	✓*
38. Is the Board satisfied that the ' <i>Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools Post-Primary Schools (revised 2023)</i> ' are being fully and adequately implemented by the school?	✓

39. Has the Board identified any aspects of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement and/or its implementation that require further improvement?	×
40. Has the Board put in place an action plan containing appropriate timelines to address those aspects of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement and/or its implementation that have been identified as requiring further improvement?	N/A
41. 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?	✓

*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  (Chairperson) Date 10/9/25

Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed  Date 10/09/25

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.

Follow up Actions *	
2. Update displays for 2025-26 version	
9. Circulate CPD Links to the new Board & invite to OIDE PLE Day	
12. Circulate 2025-26 version to all school personnel	
26. Circulate 2025-26 version to Parents Association	
27. Forward 2025-26 version to LMETB	
36. Update information for parents/Guardians on Guidelines	
37. Further Consultation with students to capture Student Voice & update document to reflect this	