

## Scoil Choilm Community National School

Porterstown Road, Clonsilla, Dublin 15, D15 Y9RV.

Phone: 01-8213352/01-8218010 Roll No: 20241K

[www.scoilchoilmcns.ie](http://www.scoilchoilmcns.ie)

[scoilchoilmjuniorcns@sccns.ie](mailto:scoilchoilmjuniorcns@sccns.ie) / [scoilchoilmseniorcns@sccns.ie](mailto:scoilchoilmseniorcns@sccns.ie)



### 6.0 Scoil Choilm Community National School Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment

For: Scoil Choilm CNS

At: Porterstown Road, Clonsilla, Dublin 15

Scoil Choilm Community National School is a primary school providing primary education to pupils from Junior Infants to Sixth Class and two Autism Classes.

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), 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 implemented fully and without modification the department's Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025 as part of this overall Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment.

The school has sought the feedback and insight of the Students, Parents (Parents Association) and Staff in reviewing this policy in line with the 2025 Child Protection Guidelines. All stakeholders mentioned above have had an opportunity to have a voice in the review process.

Student Council Review: 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Student Council Meeting

Parents Association Review: 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026 & Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2026- PA & Aladdin review

Staff Review: 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026 - Staff Meeting

The board of management has adopted and will implement fully and without modification the department's Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025 as part of this overall Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment.

The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is: Laura O'Brien (Principal)

The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (Deputy DLP) is: Rachel Connors (Deputy Principal) In the absence of the DLP, the Deputy DLP shall assume responsibilities of the DLP

Name of Relevant Person

The Relevant Person is: Laura O'Brien (Principal)

Relevant Person can be contacted on the school phone numbers 01-8213352 or 01-8218010 or email [scoilchoilm@sccns.ie](mailto:scoilchoilm@sccns.ie)

*Under the Children First Act 2015 Relevant Person means a person who is appointed by a provider of a relevant service to be the first point of contact in respect of the Child Safeguarding Statement. This person is*

*nominated by the board of management to manage and provide oversight of child protection concerns/allegations of child abuse.*

Name of Chairperson of the board of management, or in an ETB school the Chief Executive  
Or Director of School

John Walsh, Chairperson of the Board of Management

Caitríona Murphy, Chief Executive of DDLETB

*In the event that both DLP and DDLP are absent and unavailable, and where there is no staff member formally acting in their role, the chairperson of the board of management, or in an ETB school the chief executive or their delegate, assumes the role of DLP.*

The board of management recognises that child protection and safeguarding permeate all aspects of school life and must be reflected in all of the school's policies, procedures, practices and activities.

In all of these, 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 cooperate with the relevant statutory authorities in relation to child protection and welfare matters.
- Adopt safe practices to minimise the possibility of harm happening to children and protect members of school personnel from the necessity to take unnecessary risks that may leave themselves open to accusations of child abuse.
- Develop a practice of openness with parents and encourage parental involvement in the education of their children.
- Fully respect confidentiality requirements as set out in the Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025 in dealing with child protection matters.
- Adhere to the above principles in relation to any vulnerable adult.

### **Procedures and Measures in Place**

Our Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, the Children First: National Guidance 2017, and Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice, 2nd ed. (Tusla, 2024), and the Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025. In addition to the procedures listed in our risk assessment, the following procedures support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our service.



1. Procedure for the Management of Allegations of Abuse or Misconduct against School Personnel Relating to a Child Availing of Our Service:
  - Where any member of school personnel is the subject of any investigation in respect of any act, omission or circumstance in relation to a child attending the school, the school is required to adhere to the relevant procedures set out in Chapter 7 of the Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025 and to the relevant agreed disciplinary procedures for school staff which are published on the gov.ie website
2. Procedure for the Safe Recruitment and Selection of School Personnel to Work With Children
  - The school is required to adhere to the requirements of the Vetting Act. The selection or recruitment of staff and their suitability to work with children, requires the school to adhere 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 Youth and available on the gov.ie website and as outlined in Chapter 10 of the procedures.
  - A written protocol is in place authorising immediate action for cases which require an employee to be immediately absented from school for child safeguarding reasons.
3. Procedure for Provision of and Access to Child Safeguarding Training and Information, Including the Identification of the Occurrence of Harm
  - The school provides information and training to members of school personnel in relation to the identification of the occurrence of harm (as defined in the 2015 Act) as follows:
  - The school has provided each member of school personnel, including any new members of school personnel, (employees and volunteers, board of management members, student teachers and those on work experience) with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment.
  - The school ensures that members of school personnel have availed of relevant training and completed child protection training.
  - The school encourages board of management members to avail of any relevant training and complete child protection training.
  - The board of management ensures that records of all staff and board member child protection training are maintained.
4. Procedure for the Reporting of Child Protection or Welfare Concerns to Tusla
  - All members of school personnel are required to adhere to the procedures set out in the Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025, in relation to reporting of child protection concerns to Tusla. Mandated reporting applies to all registered teachers and any other mandated person who may be employed by the school, for example a chaplain or nurse. A full list of those people who are mandated persons is set out in Appendix 1 procedures.



5. Procedure for Maintaining a List of the Persons (if any) in the Relevant Service Who Are Mandated Persons

- There is a procedure in place to maintain a list of mandated persons. Schools may on occasion employ additional staff who are mandated by virtue of their profession. This list will include all registered teachers and identify additional employees that are not registered teachers. The Principal will keep a list of all mandated persons.

6. Procedure for Appointing a Relevant Person (DLP)

- There is a procedure in place for appointing a relevant person.
- The various procedures referred to in this Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment can be accessed via the school's website, the gov.ie website or will be made available on request by the school. In accordance with the Children First Act 2015, the Addendum to Children First 2019 and 2025, and the Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025, the board of management 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.

**Scoil Choilm CNS Risk Assessment**

## Scoil Choilm Community National School

Porterstown Road, Clonsilla, Dublin 15, D15 Y9RV.

Phone: 01-8213352/01-8218010 Roll No: 20241K

[www.scoilchoilmcns.ie](http://www.scoilchoilmcns.ie)

[scoilchoilmjuniorcns@sccns.ie](mailto:scoilchoilmjuniorcns@sccns.ie) / [scoilchoilmseniorcns@sccns.ie](mailto:scoilchoilmseniorcns@sccns.ie)



The Risk Assessment below should be read in conjunction with the following policies; Yard Accidents, Critical Incident Policy, Typical School Day(supervision), Code of Behaviour, our Safety Statement and full risk assessment for all eventualities, the Intimate Care policy and SNU policies.

This list is not exhaustive and is reviewed regularly.

Risk in the context of this Child Safeguarding Statement and 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 the Children First Act 2015: “harm” means, in relation to a child— (a) assault, ill treatment or neglect of the child in a manner that seriously affects or is likely to seriously affect the child’s health, development or welfare, or (b) sexual abuse of the child, whether caused by a single act, omission or circumstance or a series or combination of acts, omissions or circumstances, or otherwise.

| List of School Activities/ Scenarios                                    | Risks Identified in terms of Abuse or Neglect, inclusive of Bullying                                                                                                                         | Procedures/ Measures                                                                                                                                                |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Arrival &amp; Dispersal of children in mornings and at home time</b> | Inadequate supervision risks<br>Risk of harm, from another child, adult or unauthorised person on grounds of school<br>Collection by an unknown adult<br>Lost child / Absconding from school | Supervision policy<br>Code of Behaviour<br>Ant- Bullying policy                                                                                                     |
| <b>Recreation breaks for pupils</b>                                     | Inadequate supervision risks<br>Risk of harm, from another child, adult or unauthorised person on grounds of school                                                                          | Adequate staff on duty<br>Yard Supervision policy<br>Health and Safety Statement                                                                                    |
| <b>Children on the school grounds after school</b>                      | Unsupervised children poses harm to the child                                                                                                                                                | Communication with parents<br>Communication policy – Parents as Partners                                                                                            |
| <b>Group teaching (withdrawal)<br/>One-to-one teaching (withdrawal)</b> | Children on their own with a staff member                                                                                                                                                    | Open door policy to protect child and staff member<br>All staff aware of Child Protection procedures<br>Garda Vetting legislation in place to vet all staff members |

## Scoil Choilm Community National School

Porterstown Road, Clonsilla, Dublin 15, D15 Y9RV.

Phone: 01-8213352/01-8218010 Roll No: 20241K

[www.scoilchoilmcns.ie](http://www.scoilchoilmcns.ie)

[scoilchoilmjuniorcns@sccns.ie](mailto:scoilchoilmjuniorcns@sccns.ie) / [scoilchoilmseniorcns@sccns.ie](mailto:scoilchoilmseniorcns@sccns.ie)



|                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>School tours and outings</b>                                                       | Inadequate supervision<br>Harm from staff / strangers / peers<br>Missing child                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Adequate supervision for outings<br>School tour policy                                                                                                  |
| <b>Sporting Activities including swimming</b>                                         | Inadequate supervision<br>Harm from staff / strangers / peers in dressing room or changing rooms<br>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<br>Lost child / unsupervised<br>Child with adult not known to them<br>Mixing with members of the public (dressing rooms) | Adequate supervision for outings<br>Risk Assessments for new outings<br>School Tours/ Trips policy                                                      |
| <b>Use of the visiting Mobile Library bus</b>                                         | Children with adult who is unfamiliar                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Adequate supervision<br>Children never left unattended                                                                                                  |
| <b>Use of toilet in the classroom and on yard</b>                                     | Children locked in the toilet<br>Self-harm<br>Peers entering toilets together                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Adequate supervision                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Children from families where court / protection or barring orders are in place</b> | Parental issues affecting the children<br>Threat of parent without permission collecting child                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Communication of relevant staff members working with these families<br>Close supervision is in place at home time<br>Central log of all court paperwork |
| <b>School transport arrangements including use of bus escorts for SEN pupils</b>      | Children with bus driver/ bus escort who are not staff members                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Child Protection E learning course for bus escorts                                                                                                      |

## Scoil Choilm Community National School

Porterstown Road, Clonsilla, Dublin 15, D15 Y9RV.

Phone: 01-8213352/01-8218010 Roll No: 20241K

[www.scoilchoilmcns.ie](http://www.scoilchoilmcns.ie)

[scoilchoilmjuniorcns@sccns.ie](mailto:scoilchoilmjuniorcns@sccns.ie) / [scoilchoilmseniorcns@sccns.ie](mailto:scoilchoilmseniorcns@sccns.ie)



|                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Care of children with special educational needs, Intimate Care of Children e.g. Toileting</b>                | Risk of harm to child due to intimate setting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Intimate Care policy to be signed by parents and staff involved                                                                       |
| <b>Child Abuse</b>                                                                                              | Physical, emotional, sexual abuse or children neglected<br>Risk of harm not being recognised by school personnel<br>Risk of harm not being reported properly and promptly by school personnel                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Curricular provision in respect of SPHE, RSE, Stay Safe<br>Training of school personnel in child protection matters<br>Staff training |
| <b>Bullying</b>                                                                                                 | Emotional abuse or physical abuse<br>Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child<br>Risk of harm to children who may have brought bullying to teacher's attention<br>Cyber Bullying                                                                                                                                                                                             | "Bí Cineálta" procedures to prevent and address bullying                                                                              |
| <b>Use of external personnel to supplement curriculum. NEPS or SEN visitors<br/>Parental volunteers from PA</b> | Risk of child being harmed in the school by volunteer or visitor to the school                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Garda Vetting to be in place for all external coaches/ NEPS and SEN visitors/ parental volunteers<br>Supervision policy in place      |
| <b>Contractors / maintenance work carried out in school</b>                                                     | Harm to children from works or equipment<br>Risk of harm to children from visitors                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | All contractors / work people must sign in through the office<br>Work to be completed before or after school hours                    |
| <b>Children in care and direct provision<br/>Homeless children</b>                                              | Hunger and sleep deprivation<br>Unsafe living conditions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Extra care and attention given to vulnerable children<br>DLP to liaise with social workers attached to the families                   |
| <b>Care of pupils with specific vulnerabilities/ needs such as:</b>                                             | Harm to children on the basis on their needs<br>English is not their first language<br>Pupils from ethnic minorities/migrants<br>Members of the Traveller Community<br>Children from Roma backgrounds<br>Pupils perceived to be LGBT<br>Pupils who self-identify as LGBT<br>Pupils of minority religious faiths<br>Children who are non-verbal<br>Children who have special educational needs | Extra care given to children in terms of communication. Student support                                                               |



|                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                                     | Children on CPNS, (Child Protection Notification System)                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Children attending targeted interventions through the School Completion Programme</b><br><b>Children attending NYP Youth Services</b>                            | Children leaving the school grounds with an adult other than a parent, namely the EOP or NYP worker                                   | All parents must grant written permission to the school for their children to leave school at home time to attend these After School Clubs HSCL and principal keep list of attendees. Contact details are held for main EOP & NYP staff |
| <b>ICT Usage in school</b>                                                                                                                                          | Exposure to inappropriate content online or abuse / bullying online                                                                   | Internet Acceptable Use Policy                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Mobile Phone Usage</b>                                                                                                                                           | Bullying online<br>Sharing inappropriate content of peers or staff online                                                             | Internet Acceptable Use Policy                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Use of video/photography/other media to record school events</b>                                                                                                 | Children being photographed or videoed without permission                                                                             | Internet Acceptable Use Policy<br>GDPR policy<br>Photo permission<br>Staff AUP                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Social Media</b>                                                                                                                                                 | Risk of harm caused to a child accessing/circulating inappropriate material via social media, texting, digital device or other manner | Internet Acceptable Use Policy,<br>Mobile Phone Policy                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Use of appropriate media by teachers in classroom- photos, videos. Participating in online lessons and learning remotely (use of Microsoft Teams and Seesaw)</b> | Risk of harm due to use of online learning platforms – Microsoft Teams and Seesaw                                                     | All school personnel are provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement, The Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2025.                                                                  |

|                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Children unaware of reporting protocols</b>                                    | Risk of harm of abuse not being reported by a child, parent or other adult                                                                                                                                 | The school implements in full the Stay Safe Programme<br>The school implements in full the Social, Personal, and Health Education (SPHE) curriculum                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Children telling a substitute teacher or non-mandated person.</b>              | Child Protection information not being recognised by school personnel- risk of abuse not being reported                                                                                                    | All school personnel are provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment<br>The school encourages personnel to avail of relevant training<br>The school encourages board of management members to avail of relevant training<br>The school maintains records of all personnel and board member training<br>Non mandated staff are made of aware of their civic duty to report abuse to the DLP. |
| <b>Staff unaware of what to do when child makes a child protection disclosure</b> | Abuse or allegations not being reported properly and promptly by school personnel<br>Continuation of abuse for a child<br>External agencies not being informed of abuse resulting in risk of harm to child | All school personnel are provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment<br>Robust recruitment procedures<br>Children First Certs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Pupil staff interactions of an inappropriate nature</b>                        | Risk of child being harmed in the school by a member of school personnel                                                                                                                                   | All school personnel are provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment<br><br>A written protocol is in place authorising immediate action for cases which require an employee to be immediately absented from school for child safeguarding reasons                                                                                                                                           |

## Scoil Choilm Community National School

Porterstown Road, Clonsilla, Dublin 15, D15 Y9RV.

Phone: 01-8213352/01-8218010 Roll No: 20241K

[www.scoilchoilmcns.ie](http://www.scoilchoilmcns.ie)

[scoilchoilmjuniorcns@sccns.ie](mailto:scoilchoilmjuniorcns@sccns.ie) / [scoilchoilmseniorcns@sccns.ie](mailto:scoilchoilmseniorcns@sccns.ie)



|                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Inappropriate play on yard</b>   | Risk of child being harmed in the school by another child                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | All school personnel are provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment<br>Yard Accident Policy                                                                                     |
| <b>Visiting Teachers/ Coaches</b>   | Risk of child being harmed in the school by volunteer or visitor to the school                                                                                                                                                                                                      | All school personnel are provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment<br>Vetting<br>Open door policy<br>Classroom Teacher remains with children at all times when visitors are in |
| <b>Remote teaching and learning</b> | Bullying online<br>Inappropriate content being shared online<br>Image sharing online<br>Private or public messaging                                                                                                                                                                 | Acceptable Use policy                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Online Learning / Seesaw</b>     | Risk of harm due to inappropriate relationship/communications between child and another child or adult<br><br>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      | All school personnel are provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment<br>Acceptable Use Policy<br>Internet Safety lessons                                                         |
| <b>Staff Photographing children</b> | Risk of harm online by online preparators<br>Information leaked online that would reveal the identity of the child<br><br>Risk of harm caused by member of school personnel accessing/ circulating inappropriate material via social media, texting, digital device or other manner | All school personnel are provided with a copy of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment                                                                                                             |

## Scoil Choilm Community National School

Porterstown Road, Clonsilla, Dublin 15, D15 Y9RV.

Phone: 01-8213352/01-8218010 Roll No: 20241K

[www.scoilchoilmcns.ie](http://www.scoilchoilmcns.ie)

[scoilchoilmjuniorcns@sccns.ie](mailto:scoilchoilmjuniorcns@sccns.ie) / [scoilchoilmseniorcns@sccns.ie](mailto:scoilchoilmseniorcns@sccns.ie)



|                                         |                                                                        |                                                                                                                    |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Child makes disclosure about DLP</b> | Risk of harm if allegation against DLP or DDLP is not reported by them | If a child reports an allegation against the DLP or DDLP, the patron is informed rather than the DLP Report to CEO |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

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.

### Availability of the Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment

- This statement has been published on the school's website or will be made available on request by the school. It has been provided to all members of school personnel, the parents' association, the patron and parents.

### Review of the Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment

- A copy of this statement and risk assessment will be made available to Tusla and the department if requested. This Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment 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 on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018.
- This Child Safeguarding Statement was reviewed by the Board of Management on the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019, the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February 2020, the 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020, 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022, the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023, the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025 & May 2026 & September 2026, to include the new guidelines.

In accordance with Section 11 of the Children First Act 2015 and with the requirements of Chapter 9 of the Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025, the following is the written Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment. In undertaking this Child Safeguarding Statement and 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.

The Board have completed the Child Protection checklist and have notified the patron of approval of this policy.

## Scoil Choilm Community National School

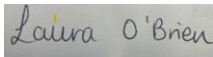
Porterstown Road, Clonsilla, Dublin 15, D15 Y9RV.

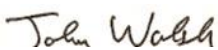
Phone: 01-8213352/01-8218010 Roll No: 20241K

[www.scoilchoilmcns.ie](http://www.scoilchoilmcns.ie)

[scoilchoilmjuniorcns@sccns.ie](mailto:scoilchoilmjuniorcns@sccns.ie) / [scoilchoilmseniorcns@sccns.ie](mailto:scoilchoilmseniorcns@sccns.ie)



Signed:   
Principal

Signed:   
Chairperson of BOM

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> October 2026

**Next review date:** September 2027

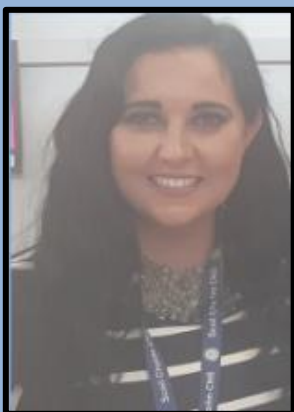
### Child Protection: Appendix 1

### DLP & DDLP

Under the revised Child Protection Procedures, all disclosures in relation to Child Protection issues must be made through the Designated Liaison Person (DLP) or in her absence, the Deputy Designated Liaison Person

(DDL). In Scoil Choilm Community National School, Mrs. Laura O'Brien is the Designated Liaison Person (DLP).

Ms. Rachel Connors (Deputy Principal) is the Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDL).

| Designated Liaison Person:                                                                                                  | Deputy Designated Liaison Person:                                                                                                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p><b>Laura O'Brien (Principal)</b></p>  | <p><b>Rachel Connors (Deputy Principal)</b></p>  |

CSS2 Review of the Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment

## Scoil Choilm Community National School

Porterstown Road, Clonsilla, Dublin 15, D15 Y9RV.

Phone: 01-8213352/01-8218010 Roll No: 20241K

[www.scoilchoilmcns.ie](http://www.scoilchoilmcns.ie)

[scoilchoilmjuniorcns@sccns.ie](mailto:scoilchoilmjuniorcns@sccns.ie) / [scoilchoilmseniorcns@sccns.ie](mailto:scoilchoilmseniorcns@sccns.ie)



The Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025 require that the board of management must undertake a review of its Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment.

The review must be completed every calendar 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 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 and Risk Assessment every two years.

As part of the overall review process, boards of management should also assess relevant school policies, procedures, practices and activities and 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 and Children First National Guidance 2017, the Addendum to Children First (2019) and 2025, Children First National Guidance 2017, the Addendum to Children First (2019) and (2025), and the Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025.

### Designated Liaison Person

Name: Laura O'Brien

Date Appointed: May 2026

Relevant Person - Name: Laura O'Brien

Contact details: 01 821 3352 or 01 8218010 / [scoilchoilm@sccns.ie](mailto:scoilchoilm@sccns.ie)

Date Appointed: May 2026

Deputy Designated Liaison Person- Name: Rachel Connors

Date Appointed: May 2026

Contact details for Tusla Contact

Name: TUSLA

Address: Blanchardstown District

Contact Number: 01-778 6400

Contact details for An Garda Síochána

Contact Name: Blanchardstown Garda Station

Address: Main Street, Blanchardstown Contact Number: (01) 666 7000

### Checklist for review of the Child Safeguarding Statement

1. When did the board first formally adopt a Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment in accordance with the *Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025*?

5<sup>th</sup> October 2026

- 2(a) Where is the Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment displayed in the school? For example, in a prominent place near the main entrance to the school.

Both receptions in the Junior and Senior Building

On the school website

- (c) Is there a student friendly version, with a photograph of the Designated Liaison Person, displayed beside the Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment?

Yes

- (c) Other than displaying in a prominent place near the main entrance to the school, how have students been made aware of the student friendly version?

- o Displayed at all student entrances
  - o On school website
  - o Assembly Talk
- o Poster in all Classrooms

### Appendix 3: Notification Regarding the Board of Management's Review of the Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment

## Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment

This template must be used by the board of management to inform the school community, school personnel and the Parents Association and all relevant parties that they have fulfilled their statutory obligation to annually review the school's Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment.

**To: pupils, staff, parents and the wider community & our Patron DDLETB**

**The board of management of:**

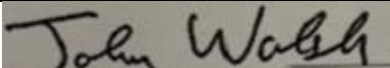
**Scoil Choilm CNS**

**wishes to inform you that:**

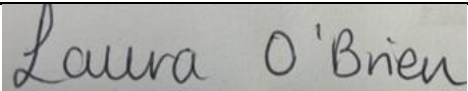
(a) The board of management's annual review of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement was completed at the Board meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> October 2026

(a)

(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](http://www.gov.ie/childprotectionschools).

|                |                                                                                     |                                              |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <b>Signed:</b> |  | <b>Date:</b><br>5 <sup>th</sup> October 2026 |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|

*Chairperson of the board of management*

|                |                                                                                     |                                              |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <b>Signed:</b> |  | <b>Date:</b><br>5 <sup>th</sup> October 2026 |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|

*Principal/Secretary to the board of management*

## Appendix 4:

Student friendly Child Safeguarding Statement

## Scoil Choilm CNS Children's Safe Guarding Statement



**Child safeguarding is what we do in our school to keep children and young people safe from harm.**

We teach the **Stay Safe Programme** to help you feel safe at school and in your life outside of school too.



We also think about other ways to keep everyone safe and we write these down. This is called our **Child Safeguarding Statement**.

We check this every year. When we do this we will ask you what you think about safeguarding in our school.

If someone says or does something to hurt you or makes you feel uncomfortable, you can tell an adult that you trust.

### Who to go to:



**Any trusted adult**

For example, a teacher, SNA, secretary/caretaker or the principal

### What we will do:



**Listen and understand**



**Guide or look for help**

**Every school has a person in charge of child safeguarding.**

**This person is called the Designated Liaison Person or DLP.**

**The DLP for our school is Mrs. O'Brien**



## Appendix 5– location and copies of the Child Protection Procedures

Children First National Guidance 2017: Both staffrooms and receptions

## Scoil Choilm Community National School

Porterstown Road, Clonsilla, Dublin 15, D15 Y9RV.

Phone: 01-8213352/01-8218010 Roll No: 20241K

[www.scoilchoilmcns.ie](http://www.scoilchoilmcns.ie)

[scoilchoilmjuniorcns@sccns.ie](mailto:scoilchoilmjuniorcns@sccns.ie) / [scoilchoilmseniorcns@sccns.ie](mailto:scoilchoilmseniorcns@sccns.ie)



Child Safeguarding Statement: Scoil Choilm CNS: Both receptions  
Child Safeguarding Statement Children's version: Both receptions and each classroom  
DLP & DDLP Posters: Both receptions