

CSS 2

Review of the Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment

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 following template must be used for this purpose.** 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: Victoria Guinan

Date Appointed: 22nd September 2026

Relevant Person

(In schools this is the DLP)

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Date Appointed: 22nd September 2026

Deputy Designated Liaison Person

Name: Mark Lyons

Date Appointed: 22nd September 2026

5. Is there a written protocol in place authorising immediate action for cases which require an employee to be immediately absented from school for child safeguarding reasons in line with Appendix C of the Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025?

Yes

6. Has the Board reviewed and updated the written assessment of risk as part of this overall review (for example, to include shower facilities, changing rooms, online engagements to facilitate learning). Boards should refer to the Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment Template for examples.

Yes

Date of this review: 22nd September 2026

7. How has the Board ensured that the Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment is provided to the patron, the parents' association and all parents of children in the school? Give dates of emails/letters/texts/links provided.

- **It was emailed to the DOS on the 23/09/2026**
- **It was handed to the Pa on the 24th September 2026 at the AG**
- **It was published on the website on the 24th September 2026**

8. How has the Board sought the feedback of parents, students and school personnel (teaching and nonteaching) on the Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment?

Has the school engaged with each of the above through, for example, a meeting or survey. The support documents CSS 5, CSS 6 and CSS 7 can be used to support this engagement. Details of how feedback was sought should be outlined below.

(a) Parents:

The Child Safeguarding and Risk Assessment Statement was sent to all parents via Unique Schools on the 16th September 2026. Parents were asked what was working well, what the school needed to prioritize and what improvements needed to be made CSS7

(b) Students

On their return to school in August 2026 each year group assessed the Child Safeguarding and Risk Statement using CSS5 with their Year Head and Tutors

(c) School Personnel

At the staff meeting all school personnel reviewed the Child Safeguarding and Risk Assessment statement using CSS6

9. Outline any aspects of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment and/or its implementation that require further improvement, including any complaints or suggestions for improvements, which the Board has identified

- The issue of students leaving the school grounds at lunchtime
- Integration for students that do not play sports
- liaise with the Student Council for review

Child Protection Oversight Report (CPOR)

15. Has the Board received a Principal's Child Protection Oversight Report (CPOR) at every ordinary meeting of the Board held since the last review of the Child Safeguarding Statement was undertaken which contains all the information required under each of the four headings set out in Section 12.3 of the Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025?

Yes

16. Since the Board's last review of the Child Safeguarding Statement, if there have been cases presented for oversight as part of the CPOR, has the Board been provided with and reviewed all records relevant to the CPOR?

Yes

17. Have these cases been anonymised and redacted as necessary?

Yes

18. Since the Board's last review Child Safeguarding Statement, if there have been cases presented for oversight as part of the CPOR, do the minutes of the board meeting:

(a) specify the anonymised documents provided to the board as part of the CPOR

Yes

(b) use unique codes to record child protection matters?

Yes

19. The board has undertaken the review of the Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment and has issued/published notification confirming same.

Yes

Reporting

20. Where are all records relating to child protection filed and stored in a secure manner? For example, stored securely in the principal's office in such a manner as only the DLP and DDLP and the chairperson when acting as DLP will have access to these records.

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21. How does the Board ensure that child protection procedures in relation to reporting to Tusla/An Garda Síochána are followed in full? The Board should indicate that the DLP follows the procedures outlined in the Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025 for reporting of all child protection concerns.

The Board confirms that the DLP follows the procedures outlined in the Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025 for reporting of all child protection concerns.
Curriculum

22. The Board should outline the steps it has taken to ensure that the SPHE, RSE, and Wellbeing curriculum is appropriately planned for and delivered to the children and young people in the school.

- As per the curriculum specifications SPHE, RSE and Wellbeing are provided for. The Wellbeing Programme for Junior Cycle is being implemented and was reviewed in September 2023
- RSE and SPHE are being appropriately delivered

Statement by the Board

We, the BOM of Coláiste Naomh Cormac are satisfied that the Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment and child protection procedures are being fully and adequately

Signed: *Mary L. Lottie*
Chairperson of the board of management

Date: *22-8-2026*