CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDING INSPECTION FRAMEWORK

School Address*: Our Lady of Good Counsel School,*

Innishmore, Ballincollig, Cork. P31FH22

Phone number: ***0214878370***

Roll number: ***18208A***

School Patron: ***The Bishop of Cork and Ross, Bishop Fintan Gavin*****.**

Principal: ***Aisling Power*****.**

Deputy Principal: ***Nollaig Moynihan.***

Chairperson: ***Harold Brooks***

Chairperson Change Sept 26- Billy Murphy.

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APPENDIX 1

Annual Review of Child Safeguarding and Child Protection Arrangements

Review Date: _____

OVERALL COMPLIANCE CHECK

Communication and Governance

Requirement	Response	Comments
The school has communicated the required aspects of the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-	YES	Via school website, staff induction, parent

Primary Schools (Revised 2023) to all relevant stakeholders.		communications and Board documentation.
A Designated Liaison Person (DLP) and Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDLP) have been appointed in accordance with the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools (Revised 2023).	YES	Aisling Power (DLP), Nollaig Moynihan (DDLP)
The Board of Management is aware of and discharges its responsibilities in relation to child safeguarding and child protection.	YES	
The Board has ensured that child protection training has been undertaken by staff and Board members as appropriate.	YES	
The Board fulfils its responsibilities regarding Garda Vetting and safe recruitment procedures.	YES	

Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment

Requirement	Response
A Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment have been prepared in line with the Children First Act 2015 and the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools (Revised 2023).	YES
The Child Safeguarding Statement has been reviewed annually by the Board of Management.	YES
The annual review and its completion have been formally recorded in the Board minutes.	YES
The Child Safeguarding Statement is displayed prominently near the main entrance and published on the school website.	YES
The school has formally adopted the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools (Revised 2023) without modification.	YES
The Risk Assessment includes risks associated with online teaching, learning, communication and digital technologies.	YES

Training and Awareness

Requirement	Response
The DLP has completed mandatory child protection training and any subsequent updates.	YES
The DDLP has completed mandatory child protection training and any subsequent updates.	YES
Relevant Board members have completed Child Protection Oversight training.	YES
All school personnel have received a copy of and understand their responsibilities under Children First 2015 and the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools (Revised 2023).	YES
Child protection and safeguarding procedures form part of staff induction arrangements.	YES
Relevant Tusla and An Garda Síochána contact details are readily available.	YES

Child Protection Oversight Reporting (CPOR)

Requirement	Response
The Principal has presented a Child Protection Oversight Report at each Board meeting.	YES
Each CPOR contains all information required under the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools (Revised 2023).	YES
The Board has reviewed relevant documentation associated with each CPOR.	YES
Minutes accurately record receipt and discussion of the CPOR.	YES
Where applicable, unique identifiers are used when recording child protection matters.	YES

Management of Child Protection Concerns

Requirement	Response
Correct record-keeping procedures were evident in all cases examined.	YES
Procedures for reporting child protection concerns to Tusla and/or An Garda Síochána were followed appropriately.	YES
Procedures for managing allegations or concerns relating to school personnel were implemented appropriately.	YES
Child protection records are stored securely and confidentially.	YES
Required parental notifications under the procedures have been issued where applicable.	YES
The Board is satisfied that appropriate action has been taken in respect of any allegations against school personnel.	YES/N/A

Curriculum and Pupil Safeguarding

Requirement	Response
Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) is implemented in accordance with Department requirements.	YES
Social, Personal and Health Education (SPHE) is implemented in accordance with Department requirements.	YES
Wellbeing programmes are implemented across the school.	YES
Students are provided with opportunities to learn about personal safety, relationships, consent, online safety and help-seeking behaviours appropriate to their age and ability.	YES
Pupils have opportunities to contribute to school safeguarding arrangements and wellbeing initiatives.	YES

Special School Context

Requirement	Response
Safeguarding arrangements appropriately support pupils with moderate intellectual disability and additional needs.	YES
Communication supports are available to facilitate pupil voice and disclosure where appropriate.	YES

Intimate care, personal care and behavioural support procedures are implemented in accordance with safeguarding requirements.	YES
Positive behaviour support approaches are implemented and monitored.	YES

Recruitment and Vetting

Requirement	Response
Garda Vetting requirements have been met for all staff, volunteers and relevant personnel.	YES
Statutory declarations and undertakings have been obtained where required.	YES
Recruitment and selection procedures reflect safe recruitment practices.	YES
Child safeguarding responsibilities are included within staff contracts, induction and employment processes.	YES

Parent, Patron and Community Engagement

Requirement	Response
The Patron has been provided with the school's Child Safeguarding Statement.	YES
Parents can access the Child Safeguarding Statement on request and via the school website.	YES
New staff, volunteers and contractors are informed of safeguarding arrangements.	YES
The Board has considered any complaints, suggestions or recommendations regarding safeguarding arrangements.	YES
The school communicates safeguarding information regularly to parents and the wider school community.	YES

Annual Board Review

The Board confirms that:

Statement	Response
The Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools (Revised 2023) are being fully and adequately implemented.	YES
The Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment remain appropriate to the school's circumstances.	YES
Any recommendations arising from previous reviews have been addressed.	YES
Any areas identified for improvement have been incorporated into a time-bound action plan.	N/A
The Board is satisfied that the school continues to meet its statutory obligations under the Children First Act 2015.	YES

Areas for Improvement Identified During Review

None identified at this review.

OR

Area for Improvement	Action Required	Person Responsible	Timeline

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Board of Management Confirmation

The Board of Management of **Our Lady of Good Counsel School** has completed its annual review of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement, Risk Assessment and safeguarding arrangements in accordance with the requirements of the **Children First Act 2015** and the **Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools (Revised 2023)**.

Signed: _____

Chairperson, Board of Management

Billy Murphy

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Principal / Designated Liaison Person

Aisling Power

Date: _____