

## Holy Family School for the Deaf

### **Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment**

- We mentioned in the Child Safeguarding Statement that the safety, protection and welfare of our students and staff is extremely important. The Dept of Education Guidelines, 2017, and the Children First Act, 2015, asks every school to have a written risk assessment
- Holy Family School has done this. We have examined all areas of school life, and written down all the possible (potential) risks of harm to staff, pupils, visitors
- The Assessment list is very long and detailed and looks at possible (potential) risk of harm that might be caused by staff, visitors, pupils, coaches
- It looks at all school activities for example sports, classroom teaching, school bus, swimming, school tours etc etc, and assesses any possible harm and says if that harm is High, Medium or Low
- As well, it has written beside each risk category the procedures the school has in place to deal with those risks. For example, category “Visitors to our School”. This is a “High” risk of harm to pupils. And the assessment has a list of what the school has in place to manage this risk: secure doors, codes for doors, pupils not allowed let visitors into the building, signing in and out book, and so on.
- You will see the full Risk Assessment and all the details on the website . It is reviewed every year.
- If you need any more information about this or any policy, or any clarification, please contact the school and we can arrange that for you.