

Malvern Central School

Risk Assessment

Child Safe Standard 6

Risk Title & Description	Risk Causes & Consequences	Existing risk management strategies (existing controls)	Current Risk Assessment		New risk management strategies (treatments)	Who is responsible?	Date of new risk management strategies (treatments)	
Risk Title Non-child safe school culture Risk short description There is a risk the school does not develop a culture of child safety	Causes Lack of an effective child safety risk management strategy Failure to ensure that appropriate guidance and training is provided to the individual members of the school council and school staff about child safety School fails to monitor who is on the premises Lack of reporting procedures Lack of understanding of roles and responsibilities in relation to child safety Lack of leadership on child safety Gates not shut Consequences Child safety incident occurs Underreporting of child safety incidents to relevant authorities Inappropriate behaviour not reported within school Physical or psychological injury Stress for all personnel involved, which could lead to occupational health and safety issues Non-compliance with minimum standards/Min Order 870 Breach of duty of care/organisational duty of care Litigation / adverse court ruling Reputation damage (School/Department) Community dissatisfaction and distrust over perceived child safety neglect, which could lead to drop in school enrolments	 Child Safety Risk assessment implemented Child Safety Policy and Statement of Commitment on wall at sign in, in Staff and Parent Handbook and on School Website MCS Child Safety Code of Conduct sighted and signed by all staff and contractors Child Safe Action Plan implemented A child safety officer/champion for the school is appointed Staff, volunteers, visitors and contractors receive induction regarding the school's child safety policies, procedures and practices. Annual training to the principal, school council and staff about: individual and collective obligations and responsibilities for managing the risk of injury/child abuse child abuse risks in the school environment; and the school's current child safety standards Appropriate education delivered to students about: standards of behaviour for students attending the school; healthy and respectful relationships (including sexuality); resilience; and child abuse awareness and prevention Cybersafety Policies: Child Safety Visitors Facebook and Instagram Camps and Excursions Teacher supervision when crossing campuses All staffing advertised and employed though Recruitment Online. Correct ratio of teachers to students OOHSC available onsite before and after school Fences and lockable gates around both campuses Sign in and out procedure for all visitors and students Integration Aide employed to support each student with disabilities All students go to the toilet in pairs Child safety is standa	Severe	Possible	Low	Develop and distribute regular school bulletins containing material related to a greater variety of child safety issues to inform the school community Conduct periodic reviews of the effectiveness of the child safety risk management strategies put into practice and, if considered appropriate, revise those strategies.	Principal, Assistant Principal, School Council, Office Admin	07/02/2020

'	ļ	Regular Cyber Safety information in School Newsletter						
Risk Title Child abuse is not eported Risk short description There is a risk that the chool does not report shild safety concerns	Causes Lack of reporting protocols Staff not aware of reporting protocols Staff not aware of their reporting obligations Familiarity of relationships Poor child safety culture Consequences Child safety incident occurs Underreporting of child safety incidents to relevant authorities Inappropriate behaviour not reported within school Physical or psychological injury Stress for all personnel involved, which could lead to occupational health and safety issues Criminal penalties: Failure to Report and/or Failure to Protect offence, Penalties under the Reportable Conduct Scheme Non-compliance with minimum standards/Min Order 870 Breach of duty of care/organisational duty of care Litigation / adverse court ruling Reputation damage (School/Department) Community dissatisfaction and distrust over perceived child safety neglect, which could lead to drop in school enrolments	 Child Safety Risk assessment implemented Child Safety Policy and Statement of Commitment on wall at sign in, in Staff and Parent Handbook and on School Website MCS Child Safety Code of Conduct sighted and signed by all staff and contractors Child Safe Action Plan implemented Recording your actions: responding to suspected child abuse template is readily available to all staff Performance management procedures are in place. Mandatory Reporting elearning module completed by all staff, school council and mandatory reporters annually. Child safety is standard discussion item on School Leadership Team meetings and staff meetings. Students, staff and volunteers (including homestay providers) are trained to identify inappropriate behaviour and indicators of abuse, and escalate concerns PROTECT posters (Responding to Incidents, Disclosures and Suspicions of Child Abuse, Responding to Student Sexual Offending, Everyone Has a Right to be Safe) displayed prominently in classrooms and offices Appropriate education delivered to students about: standards of behaviour for students attending the school; healthy and respectful relationships (including sexuality); resilience; and child abuse awareness and prevention Cybersafety Help Seeking/reporting Inclusion of child safety obligations in staff position descriptions. 	Severe	Possible	Low	Develop and distribute regular school bulletins containing material related to a greater variety of child safety issues to inform the school community such as understanding Mandatory Reporting Conduct periodic reviews of the effectiveness of the child safety risk management strategies put into practice and, if considered appropriate, revise those strategies	Principal, Assistant Principal, School Council, Office Admin	07/02/2020
Risk Title Child safety incident due to a child being unsupervised in the school environment Risk short description There is the risk of a child safety incident when a child is unsupervised including during recreational or other activities	Causes School fails to monitor who is on the premises Lack of student supervision Lack of appropriate risk management practices in place for recreational or other activities Inappropriate building design Consequences Child safety incident occurs Underreporting of child safety incidents to relevant authorities Inappropriate behaviour not reported within school Physical or psychological injury Stress for all personnel involved, which could lead to occupational health and safety issues Criminal penalties: Failure to Report and/or Failure to Protect offence,	 A child safety officer/champion for the school is appointed Staff, volunteers, visitors and contractors receive induction regarding the school's child safety policies, procedures and practices. Annual training to the principal, school council and staff about: individual and collective obligations and responsibilities for managing the risk of injury/child abuse child abuse risks in the school environment; and the school's current child safety standards Appropriate education delivered to students about: standards of behaviour for students attending the school; healthy and respectful relationships (including sexuality); resilience; and child abuse awareness and prevention Cybersafety Camps and Excursions Teachers scheduled on Yard Duty Teacher supervision when crossing campuses 	Severe	Possible	Low	CCTV for unsupervised areas and 'hot spot' areas	1. Principal, Assistant Principal, School Council,	07/02/2020

	 Penalties under the Reportable Conduct Scheme Non-compliance with minimum standards/Min Order 870 Breach of duty of care/organisational duty of care Litigation / adverse court ruling Reputation damage (School/Department) Community dissatisfaction and distrust over perceived child safety neglect, which could lead to drop in school enrolments 	 All staffing advertised and employed though Recruitment Online. Correct ratio of teachers to students Fences and lockable gates around both campuses Sign in and out procedure for all visitors and students Integration Aide employed to support each student with disabilities All students go to the toilet in pairs Child safety is standard discussion item on School Leadership Team meetings and staff meetings. Child safety obligations in staff position descriptions. Regular Cyber Safety information in School Newsletter Clear windows in walls to enable visibility of occupants Regular reminders to staff on this risk during School Leadership Team meetings and staff meetings. Access to isolated, internally lockable, hidden or dark rooms or environments at the school are locked Non-lockable doors in hot spots Assessment of new or changed physical environments for child safety risks 						
Risk Title Unsafe online environment Risk short description There is the risk of a child safety incident in an online environment	Causes Online child safety issues (including grooming) via media services: email Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and other social media YouTube mobile phone SMS messages and other mobile messaging media telephone, Skype and other media for making voice calls photography and videography any other electronic media. Consequences Consequences Inappropriate behaviour not reported within school Physical or psychological injury Stress for all personnel involved, which could lead to occupational health and safety issues Criminal penalties: Failure to Report and/or Failure to Protect offence, Penalties under the Reportable Conduct Scheme Non-compliance with minimum standards/Min Order 870 Breach of duty of care/organisational duty of care Litigation / adverse court ruling Reputation damage (School/Department) Community dissatisfaction and distrust over perceived child safety neglect, which could lead to drop in school enrolments	 Response protocols implemented Ongoing awareness of the school's online policies and procedures Ongoing review of control effectiveness and improvements instigated as required. Annual training to the principal, school council and staff about: individual and collective obligations and responsibilities for managing the risk of injury/child abuse child abuse risks in the school environment; and the school's current child safety standards inappropriate behaviour (including grooming) and indicators of abuse, and escalate concerns Appropriate education delivered to students about: standards of behaviour for students attending the school; healthy and respectful relationships (including sexuality); resilience child abuse awareness and prevention Cybersafety inappropriate behaviour (including grooming) and indicators of abuse, and escalate concerns Esmart school Bully Zero student workshops and Parent session Fortnightly information on Cybersafety in school Newsletter Parent information sessions on new technology and computer applications being introduced into the school 	Severe	Possible	Low	Cybersafety to be part of the ICT team agenda to promote cybersafety in the school. Use of Interactive Learning Modules regarding bullying The second sec	1. ICT Team, Year 6 Teachers, Year 6 leaders mentor teachers, Principal, Assistant Principal	3

Risk Title Contractor(s) on the premises commit abuse Risk short description There is the risk that contractors commit abuse	Causes School fails to monitor who is on the premises Lack of supervision Contractors not aware of school arrangements Lack of background checks on contractors Consequences Child safety incident occurs Underreporting of child safety incidents to relevant authorities Inappropriate behaviour not reported within school Physical or psychological injury Stress for all personnel involved, which could lead to occupational health and safety issues Criminal penalties: Failure to Report and/or Failure to Protect offence, Penalties under the Reportable Conduct Scheme Non-compliance with minimum standards/Min Order 870 Breach of duty of care/organisational duty of care Litigation / adverse court ruling Reputation damage (School/Department) Community dissatisfaction and distrust over perceived child safety neglect, which could lead to drop in school enrolments	 Child Safety Risk assessment implemented Child Safety Policy and Statement of Commitment on wall at sign in, in Staff and Parent Handbook and on School Website MCS Child Safety Code of Conduct sighted and signed by all staff and contractors Child Safe Action Plan implemented Recording your actions: responding to suspected child abuse template is readily available to all staff Performance management procedures are in place. Mandatory Reporting elearning module completed by all staff, school council and mandatory reporters annually. Child safety is standard discussion item on School Leadership Team meetings and staff meetings. Students, staff and volunteers (including homestay providers) are trained to identify inappropriate behaviour and indicators of abuse, and escalate concerns PROTECT posters (Responding to Incidents, Disclosures and Suspicions of Child Abuse, Responding to Student Sexual Offending, Everyone Has a Right to be Safe) displayed prominently in classrooms and offices Appropriate education delivered to students about: standards of behaviour for students attending the school; healthy and respectful relationships (including sexuality); resilience; and child abuse awareness and prevention Cybersafety Help Seeking/reporting inappropriate behaviour (including grooming) and indicators of abuse, and escalate concerns Inclusion of child safety obligations in staff position descriptions. A child afety officer/champion for the school is appointed Staff, volunteers, visitors and contractors receive induction regarding the school's child safety policies, procedures and practices. Annual training to the principal, school council and staff about	Severe	Possible	Low	1. Raise topic in staff meetings. 2. Staff trained to question unaccompanied visitors on school premises. Output Description: Ou	1. Principal, Assistant Principal, Admin Staff	

		 Integration Aide employed to support each student with disabilities All students go to the toilet in pairs Child safety obligations in staff position descriptions. Regular Cyber Safety information in School Newsletter Clear windows in walls to enable visibility of occupants Regular reminders to staff on this risk during School Leadership Team meetings and staff meetings. Access to isolated, internally lockable, hidden or dark rooms or environments at the school are locked Non-lockable doors in hot spots Assessment of new or changed physical environments for child safety risks Screening checks, including working with children checks or referee checks Signage at school office clearly directing visitors to reception 						
Risk Title School staff member or volunteer commits abuse Risk short description There is a risk that a school staff member commits abuse	Causes Circumvention of proper preemployment procedures, including no background/suitability checks A non-compliant recruitment process Non-compliance with relevant policies and procedures including conflict of interest policy Unethical behaviour Lack of child safety culture Consequences Child safety incident occurs Underreporting of child safety incidents to relevant authorities Inappropriate behaviour not reported within school Physical or psychological injury Stress for all personnel involved, which could lead to occupational health and safety issues Criminal penalties: Failure to Report and/or Failure to Protect offence, Penalties under the Reportable Conduct Scheme Non-compliance with minimum standards/Min Order 870 Breach of duty of care/organisational duty of care Litigation / adverse court ruling Reputation damage (School/Department) Community dissatisfaction and distrust over perceived child safety neglect, which could lead to drop in school enrolments	 The DET Recruitment in Schools guide is followed, including appropriate screening and referee checks for preferred candidate. Child Safety Risk assessment implemented Child Safety Policy and Statement of Commitment on wall at sign in, in Staff and Parent Handbook and on School Website MCS Child Safety Code of Conduct sighted and signed by all staff and contractors Child Safe Action Plan implemented Recording your actions: responding to suspected child abuse template is readily available to all staff Performance management procedures are in place. Mandatory Reporting elearning module completed by all staff, school council and mandatory reporters annually. Child safety is standard discussion item on School Leadership Team meetings and staff meetings. Students, staff and volunteers (including homestay providers) are trained to identify inappropriate behaviour and indicators of abuse, and escalate concerns PROTECT posters (Responding to Incidents, Disclosures and Suspicions of Child Abuse, Responding to Student Sexual Offending, Everyone Has a Right to be Safe) displayed prominently in classrooms and offices Appropriate education delivered to students about: standards of behaviour for students attending the school; healthy and respectful relationships (including sexuality); resilience; and child abuse awareness and prevention Cybersafety Help Seeking/reporting 	Severe	Likely	Low	a.	1.	

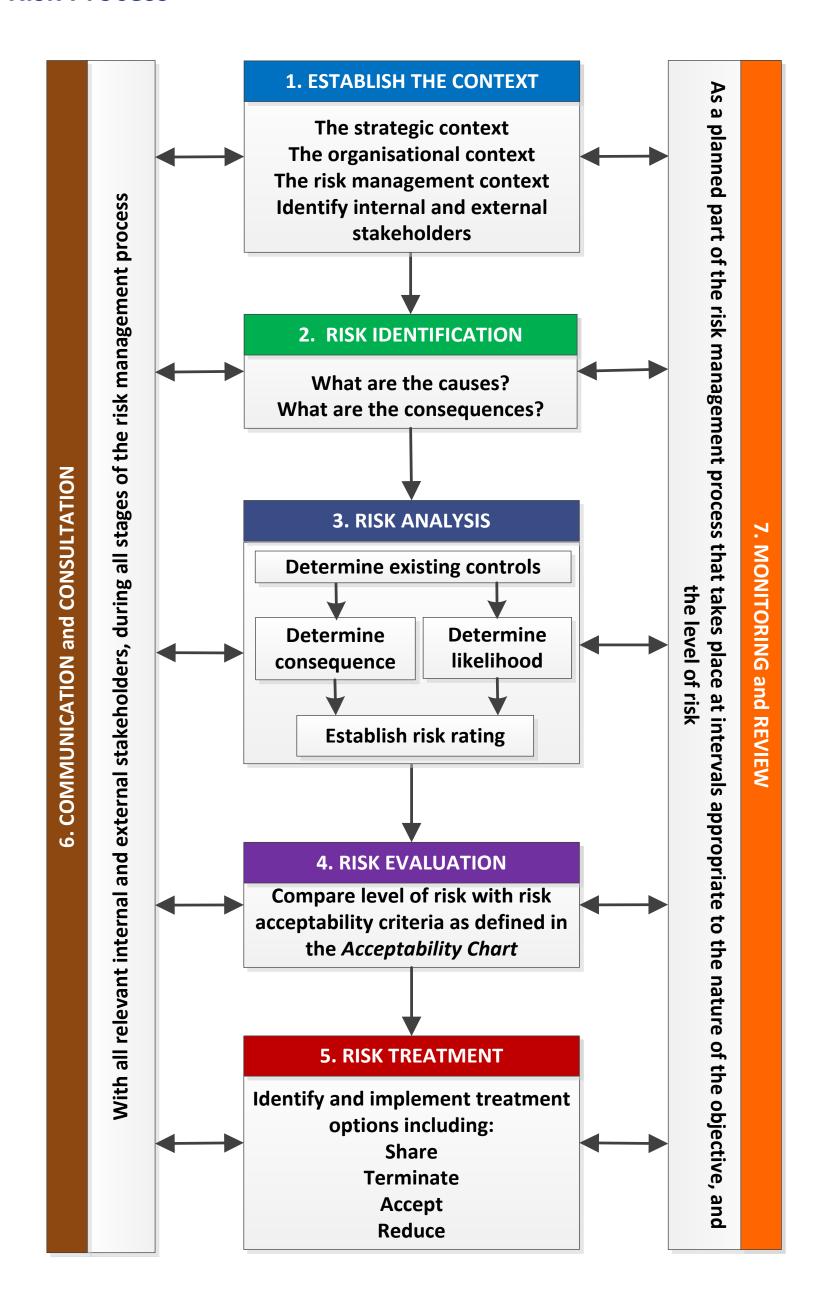
o inappropriate behaviour (including
grooming) and indicators of abuse, and
escalate concerns
Inclusion of child safety obligations in staff
position descriptions.
A child safety officer/champion for the school is appointed
Staff, volunteers, visitors and contractors receive
induction regarding the school's child safety
policies, procedures and practices.
Annual training to the principal, school council and staff about:
o individual and collective obligations and
responsibilities for managing the risk of
injury/child abuse
o child abuse risks in the school
environment; and o the school's current child safety
standards
Policies:
O Child Safety
 Visitors External Providers
Teacher supervision when crossing campuses
Correct ratio of teachers to students
Sign in and out procedure for all visitors and
students
Ensure that staff are regularly reminded of their child safety obligations and undergo refresher
training
Leadership model child safe culture
Appropriate and inappropriate behaviours are
discussed regularly at staff meetings so that staff
are empowered to escalate concerns Integration Aide employed to support each
student with disabilities
All students go to the toilet in pairs
Child safety obligations in staff position
descriptions.
Clear windows in walls to enable visibility of occupants
Regular reminders to staff on this risk during
School Leadership Team meetings and staff
meetings.
Access to isolated, internally lockable, hidden or dark rooms or environments at the school are
locked
Non-lockable doors in hot spots
Assessment of new or changed physical
environments for child safety risks
Signage at school office clearly directing visitors to reception
Suitability Checks for School Volunteers and
<u>Visitors</u>
Performance and development and review
processes with regular feedback to provide opportunities to discuss any concerns
Staff management practices as highlighted in the
HRWeb Workforce Planning policy are in place
Regular staff meetings and Principal 1:1 meetings
with staff
 Manager Assist telephone advisory service If required refer to HRWeb Complaints,
unsatisfactory performance and misconduct
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		 Principal Performance and development Ongoing monitoring and review of staff and student work practices and behaviours for 'warning signals' and indicators of abuse – see Identifying and Responding to All Forms of Abuse in Victorian Schools Clear line of sight in all offices and classrooms where staff and volunteers work one on one with students Students with disabilities required to be toileted are taken to disabled facilities and accompanied by two Integration Aides. 						07/02/2020
Risk Title Child safety incident at excursions and camps Risk short description There is a risk that a child safety incident occurs whilst on excursions and camps.	 Causes Lack of awareness of local conditions (unknown people and environments) School fails to monitor who is in vicinity of school camps / excursions Lack of supervision Inappropriate student behaviour Failure to consider child safety risks Lack of appropriate risk management practices in place for recreational or other activities Consequences Child safety incident occurs Underreporting of child safety incidents to relevant authorities Inappropriate behaviour not reported within school Physical or psychological injury Stress for all personnel involved, which could lead to occupational health and safety issues Criminal penalties: Failure to Report and/or Failure to Protect offence, Penalties under the Reportable Conduct Scheme Non-compliance with minimum standards/Min Order 870 Breach of duty of care/organisational duty of care Litigation / adverse court ruling Reputation damage (School/Department) Community dissatisfaction and distrust over perceived child safety neglect, which could lead to drop in school enrolments 	 Appropriate school approvals by School Council for excursions/camps including risk assessment Child Safety Risk assessment implemented Child Safety Risk assessment implemented MCS Child Safety Code of Conduct applies Recording your actions: responding to suspected child abuse template is readily available to all staff Mandatory Reporting elearning module completed by all staff, school council and mandatory reporters annually. Child safety is standard discussion item on School Leadership Team meetings and staff meetings. Students, staff and volunteers (including homestay providers) are trained to identify inappropriate behaviour and indicators of abuse, and escalate concerns Team Leader(s) upon arrival at commercial camp sites conducts briefing with camp site authorities/staff to confirm site arrangements or any updates regarding local conditions Team Leader(s) following briefing with authorities brief teaching / support staff of any updates Staff and volunteers conduct area familiarity upon arrival at venue Staff to student ratios are observed Regular student head counts All staff members at the camp or excursion have been trained in what to do when an allegation of child abuse is made Recording your actions: responding to suspected child abuse template is readily available to all staff child safety risk management strategies are adopted as appropriate Volunteer screening / suitability checks are undertaken in line with the school's Volunteer Policy, including for homestay providers. Annual training to the principal, school council and staff about: individual and collective obligations and responsibilities for managing the risk of injury/child abuse child abuse risks in the school environment; and the school's c	Severe	Possible	Medium	Team Leader(s) to conduct an end day (each day) debrief to identify any issues arising and to lead the development of treatment solutions.	Team Leaders	07/02/2020

standards of behaviour for students attending the school; healthy and respectful relationships (including sexuality); resilience child abuse awareness and prevention inappropriate behaviour (including grooming) and indicators of abuse, and escalate concerns Avoid staff members/volunteers being alone with students Child safety considered when determining sleeping arrangements. Ongoing monitoring and review of staff and student work practices and behaviours for 'warning signals' and indicators of abuse – see Identifying and Responding to All Forms of Abuse in Victorian Schools Clear line of sight in all offices and classrooms where staff and volunteers work one on one with students

DET Risk Process





Risk can be described as anything; event, practice, process, activity, etc. that could hinder or help achievement of stated goals or objectives.

DET Risk Management Framework - Assessment Tools

Consequence Criteria: This guide provides indicative terms against which the significance of risk is evaluated.

Descriptor	Student Outcomes	Wellbeing and Safety	Finance	Reputation	Operations	Strategic
Insignificant	Educational outcomes, engagement and wellbeing and pathways and transitions can be met with workarounds	Minor injury requiring no first aid or peer support for stress / trauma event	Small loss that can be absorbed	Internal impact (no external impact)	School operations continue with slight interruptions to normal activities	Goals, targets and key improvement strategies can be delivered with inconsequential impacts
Minor	Educational outcomes, engagement and wellbeing and pathways and transitions achieved but below targets	Injury / ill health requiring first aid Peer support for stress / trauma event	 Loss of 'consumable' assets, < 2% deviation from budget Minor fraud possible 	Adverse comments local community media Short term stakeholder dissatisfaction / comment	Some school operations disrupted Minor workarounds return school to normal operations	Minor workaround need to be implemented to deliver the SSP goals, targets and key improvement strategies
Moderate	Students' overall levels of Literacy and Numeracy static Increasing truancy Partial achievement of targeted pathways and transition	Injury / ill health requiring medical attention Stress / trauma event requiring professional support	Loss of assets 2% - 5% deviation from budget External audit management letter	 External scrutiny e.g. VAGO Adverse state media comment Stakeholder relationship impacted 	Key school operations temporarily disrupted School leadership team meets to return school to normal operations	Constant consultation with key stakeholders needs to be maintained to deliver the SSP goals, targets and key improvement strategies
Major	National targeted improvements not achieved Partial achievement of targeted learning outcomes Student dissatisfaction with access to pathways / transitions	Injury / ill health requiring hospital admission Stress / trauma event requiring ongoing clinical support	Loss of significant assets 6% - 15% deviation from budget External audit qualification on accounts High end fraud committed	External investigation Adverse comments national media Stakeholder relationship tenuous	Whole of school operations disrupted Assistance sought from Regional Office	Significant adjustment to resource allocation and service delivery required to deliver SSP goals, targets and key improvement strategies
Severe	Literacy and Numeracy decline Student engagement and connectedness to the school and their peers is very poor Declining number of student options for pathways and transitions	Fatality or permanent disability Stress / trauma event requiring extensive clinical support for multiple individuals	Loss of key assets >15 % deviation from budget Systemic and high value fraud	Commission of inquiry National front page headlines Stakeholder relationship irretrievably damaged	Normal school operations cease School evacuated Regional Office notified	SSP goals, targets and key improvement strategies cannot be delivered Changes need to be made to the SSP

Likelihood Criteria: This guide provides the indicative terms against which the probability of a risk event occurrence is evaluated.

Descriptor	Description	Indicative %	Indicative Frequency
Almost Certain	Expected to occur	>95%	Multiple times in the next year
Likely	Probably will occur (no surprise)	66-95%	At least once in the next year
Possible	May occur at some stage	26-65%	Once in the next 3 years
Unlikely	Would be surprising if it occurred	5-25%	Once in the next 5 years
Rare	May never occur	<5%	Once in the next 10 years

Note:

- 1. The **Likelihood Criteria** refers to the likelihood of the consequence descriptor you have selected i.e. the likelihood of a 'major' consequence.
- 2. The **Indicative Frequency** may not be relevant when assessing risks related to repeated activities, or when objectives are to be delivered over discrete periods of time. It should not be the sole basis for assessment.

DET's Control Effectiveness: Indicates the self-assessment of control effectiveness.

Controls Effectiveness Rating and Criteria							
Ineffective	 The design of controls overall, is ineffective in addressing key causes and/or consequences. Documentation and/or communication of the controls does not exist (e.g. policies, procedures, etc.). The controls are not in operation or have not yet been implemented. 						
Needs Improvement	 The design of controls only partially addresses key causes and/or consequences. Documentation and/or communication of the controls (e.g. policies, procedures, etc.) are incomplete, unclear or inconsistent. The controls are not operating consistently and/or effectively and have not been implemented in full. 						
Acceptable	 The design of controls is largely adequate and effective in addressing key causes and/or consequences. The controls (e.g. policies, procedures, etc.) have been formally documented but not proactively communicated to relevant stakeholders. The controls are largely operating in a satisfactory manner and are providing some level of assurance. 						
Effective	 The design of controls is adequate and effective in addressing the key causes and/or consequences. The controls (e.g. policies, procedures, etc.) have been formally documented and proactively communicated to relevant stakeholders. The controls overall, are operating effectively so as to manage the risk. 						

DET's Risk Rating Matrix: Used to combine consequence with likelihood to determine the overall level of risk.

Risk	Rating Matrix	Consequence							
		Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Severe			
	Almost Certain	Medium	High	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme			
po	Likely	Medium	Medium	High	Extreme	Extreme			
Likelihoo	Possible	Low	Medium	Medium	High	Extreme			
Liķ	Unlikely	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	High			
	Rare	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium			

DET's Acceptability Chart: Used to decide whether the risk is acceptable, based on the rating calculated.

Extreme = Unacceptable (must have Principal / School Council / Regional Office oversight)	Immediately consider whether the activity associated with this risk should cease. Any decision to continue exposure to this level of risk should be made at Principal / School Council / Regional Office level, be subject to the development of detailed treatments, on-going oversight and high level review.
High = Tolerable (with ongoing Principal Class Officer review)	Risk should be reduced by developing treatments. It should be subject to on-going review to ensure controls remain effective, and the benefits balance against the risk. Escalation of this level of risk to Principal Class Officer level should occur.
Medium = Tolerable (with frequent risk owner review)	Exposure to the risk may continue, provided it has been appropriately assessed and has been managed to as low as reasonably practicable. It should be subject to frequent review to ensure the risk analysis remains valid and the controls effective. Treatments to reduce the risk can be considered.

v = Acceptable th periodic review)	Exposure to this risk is acceptable, but is subject to periodic review to ensure it does not increase and current control effectiveness does not vary.