## **Kildimo National School Risk Assessment.**

In accordance with section 11 of the Children First Act 2015 and with the requirement of Chapter 8 of the *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017*, the following is the Written Risk Assessment of **Kildimo National School.**

1. **List of school activities**

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| **In School Activities**  Use of ICT by pupils.  Children left unattended in yard in morning/evening.  Administration of medicine by school personnel.  Children having mobile phones at school.  School personnel having mobile phones at school.  Persons unknown to staff collecting pupils where the school has not been notified by parents.  School events which involve the presence of adults (known or unknown) on the premises EG  Parent-teacher meetings, school celebrations, fundraising events etc.  Taking of images of pupils in school by school personnel.  Taking images of pupils at school related events.  SNA accompanying children with special needs to the toilet.  Administration of First Aid/Tending to children after accidents on yard.  Children going to toilet from the yard.  Children having toileting accidents.  Outside coaches/ volunteers/guest speakers visiting the school.  Parents volunteering in the school.  Outside contractors visiting the school.  Staff members being alone with a child. One to one teaching/interaction by staff.  Outside personnel using school facilities.  Care of pupils with vulnerabilities especially children with special educational needs.  (Movement breaks) Handling pupils.  Children bringing messages to classes, especially from main building to prefab.  Recruitment of school staff.  Curricular provision in respect of SPHE, RSE and Stay Safe  Student teachers on teaching practice.  Students on work experience.  LGBT: Children/pupils perceived to be LGBT  Training of school personnel in Child Protection matters.    **Out of School Activities**  School tours  School outings eg Exhibitions, sporting events, matches, debating, quizzes, visits to other schools etc (list is not exhaustive)  Swimming lessons.  Athletics Day.  After school training.  Sports Day.  Visit to church in preparation for sacraments etc.  Online engagement from home for remote teaching and learning |

1. **The school has identified the following risk of harm in respect of its activities -**

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| **HIGH RISK**  Children using toilets in public places when visiting other facilities.  Children in open environments…risk of getting lost, meeting with strangers.  Risk of images taken of pupils at outside events.  Risk of images of pupils being taken by pupils with mobile phones.  Risk of images taken by staff with mobile phones.  Risk of being approached/harm and images of pupils being taken by adults at school event.  Risk of allegation of inappropriate behaviour by school personnel during intimate care.  **MEDIUM RISK**  Risk of harm when administering medicine.  New school staff unaware of school policies/procedures.  Risk of harm to children in a one to one teaching setting.  Risk of harm during admin of first aid.  Children changing at swimming pool.  Supervision risk if teacher is alone with children.  Supervision risk if teacher is alone with children.  Exposure to inappropriate images/content online.  Risk of harm by person known /Unknown/staff personnel when alone on yard in the morning/evening.  Exposure to adults visiting the school in coaching/volunteering capacity.  Risk of harm from parents volunteering/visiting the school  Strangers/passers-by approaching children on yard during school hours.  Risk of harm from other pupils/strangers in changing room at swimming/after school training, school  sporting activities..  LGBT bullying  Risk of harm by student teachers/Work experience students.  New school staff unaware of school policies/procedures.  Risk of exposure to danger online during remote teaching and learning.  **LOW RISK**  Risk of exposure to strangers online at school.  Risk to pupils sent in from yard after accident.  Risk of harm when pupils leaving the classroom/yard to go to the toilet.  Risk when attending to children who have had toileting accident.  Non-teaching of SPHE etc  Risk of personnel not trained and not reporting/following procedures.  Risk of harm by persons collecting pupils who are unknown to staff. |

1. **The school has the following procedures in place to address the risks of harm identified in this assessment -**

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| **School Policies**  Kildimo National School Child Safeguarding Statement.  Anti-Bullying Policy.  Code of Behaviour.  Health and Safety policy.  SNA Policy.  Intimate Care Needs /Toileting Policy.  Mobile Phone Policy.  Supervision Policy  Acceptable Usage Policy.  SNA Policy  SEN Policy.  Parents as Partners Policy.  Administration of medicine policy.  RSE Policy.  Swimming policy.  Remote Teaching and Learning Plan  Implementation of the Relationships and Sexuality, Social Personal and Health Education and  Stay Safe Programmes.  Garda vetting procedures for teachers through the Teaching Council.  Garda vetting procedures for Special Needs Assistants and Ancillary Staff through the Diocesan Office.  Garda vetting for coaches through their own sporting organisations etc.  Supervision of yard morning and evening by school personnel.  Buzzer system on front door and prefab.  Sign in and sign out book for pupils.  Announcements by Principal/ Chairperson BOM at school related events regarding the taking and posting on social media sites of images of our pupils.  Glass panel in doors/door left open when teaching on a one to one basis.  Minimal one to one teaching. Mostly in class support and team teaching by SET team.  Wedges for toilet doors…doors open onto corridor.  Student teachers are vetted through colleges of education.  Work experience students are vetted by their own school.  Oversight by school leadership and BOM.  CCTV camera installed in school hall to protect children and staff.  **Proposed new measures**  Policy on volunteering. |

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| **Important Note:** It should be noted that risk in the context of this 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 Chapter 4 of the *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and*  *Post- Primary*  *Schools 2017* |

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.

This risk assessment has been reviewed by the Board of Management on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

It shall be reviewed annually as part of the BOM annual review of its Child Safeguarding Statement.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson, Board of Management

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Principal