The school has regard to both the physical and mental development of each of its pupils. Believing that a healthy body promotes a healthy mind, the school, arranges for a course of swimming instruction in Kells Swimming Pool for children in 3rd – 6th classes.

Attendance at this course is fulfils the Aquatics Module of the PE Curriculum as laid down by the Dept. of Education.

Ms Sheridan books the pool each year for a suitable time, bearing in mind the school calendar of events.

The Parents Association book the bus. All seatbelts must work and all children and adults must wear seatbelts.

The bus driver must not move the bus until instructed to by the teacher. The teacher completes a head count before the bus moves off.

Should a child be unable to attend the course, due to ill health or any other reason, he/she will remain in the school. Parents must send in a note if children are not going swimming. These children are assigned work by their class teacher and are supervised in another class.

All children attending the course should wear their tracksuit. (Swim togs may be worn under tracksuits coming to school). Each child must have a suitable bag to carry his/her swimming gear. (Sports bag or similar with secure zip or other fastening).

All items brought to the pool must be clearly labelled with the child’s name. This includes the bag, tracksuit, socks, underwear and shoes.

Each child must have their own togs (without pockets), towel, hair brush and swim cap, all of which must also be marked.

While in the pool, pupils must endeavour to obey the instructor’s orders at all times and comply with the School Code of Conduct.

It is the responsibility of parents to change their children. If a child is unable to change themselves the parent must go to the pool. If they cannot go, they must arrange for another parent/friend to change their child. Teachers/Parents must never be on their own with children in the changing area it – there must always be at least two adults together.. Teachers and parents wait at the spectator’s area during the lesson. After the lesson, one teacher waits at reception and the other at the bus door, which waits outside the front door. The nominated parent in each dressing room sends the children out to the teacher at reception. In groups that teachers sends them to the teacher at the boor of the bus, who is just outside the front door.

If a parent is unable to pay they should contact the school and the BOM will offer to defray the costs.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Management:

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