

# ASTRO PITCH APPEAL



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## DEAR PAST PUPILS & COMMUNITY OF KILLENARD

We write to you as your local school needs your help with our 'ASTRO PITCH APPEAL'. Whether you remember us as St.John's N.S., Killenard N.S. or Scoil Naomh Eoin I have no doubt that you have many fond memories of your time here. For many, the school was the first place you were introduced to football, hurling and many other sports.

### WHAT WE ARE DOING?

We are converting our playing field into an Astroturf surface, which can be adapted as a GAA field or two soccer pitches, this will be wrapped by a running track. In order to meet our aim of building the **Astroturf Pitch and Running Track** we need to fundraise **€100,000** which we hope to raise through events, sponsorship and donations. The first of our sponsorship events begins today with the Launch of our 'ASTRO PITCH APPEAL'. We are asking past pupils and members of the community of Killenard to purchase their very own piece of our hallowed ground, prices starting at **€50**. **#DIG DEEP**

**THIS IS A UNIQUE ONCE OFF OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE THE CHEAPEST PIECE OF LAND YOU WILL EVER GET IN KILLENARD!**

**Corporate Sponsor Great!** As well as selling a portion of the pitch to the local community we are also hoping to secure the support of businesses and suppliers. We are looking for donations of **€250, €500 or €1000**. We ask members of the community who have their own companies or work for companies with sponsorship funds to consider supporting our 'ASTRO PITCH APPEAL' this year. We can provide a receipt for this transaction to avail of your tax refund. Corporate sponsors will be recorded on our school website and displayed prominently on signage on our school grounds in recognition of their generous support.

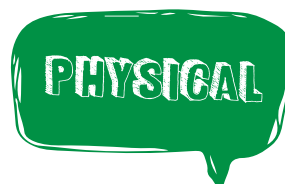
### WHY WE ARE DOING THIS?

As you may be aware, the school was awarded the Active Schools Flag in recognition of our efforts to teach our pupils about the benefits of living an active healthy lifestyle. This year we are participating in the Amber Flag initiative which recognises the individual efforts of schools to create healthy inclusive environments that support mental wellbeing.

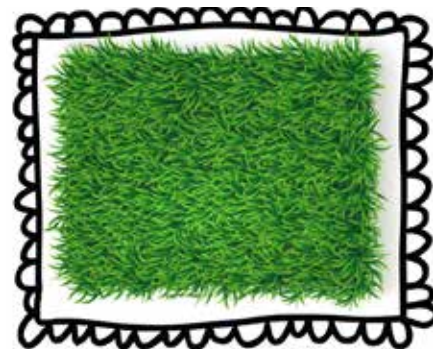
We as a school, take a holistic approach to pupil wellbeing catering for their physical, mental, emotional and spiritual development. It is our belief that the school environment plays a significant role in promoting wellbeing and it is with this in mind that we are seeking to improve our school grounds.



**# DIG DEEP**



We are immensely proud of our school but playing space is very limited during the winter months and our current pitch is unplayable for several months of the year. The provision of an Astroturf Pitch and Running Track around the perimeter would provide a playing space for all children all year round. Currently our Senior Classes are confined to a basketball area for breaks with little room to be active or play games. Every child would benefit as the Astroturf would be used during breaks, for the teaching of P.E. and the coaching of our school teams.



Depending on how soon we can raise the necessary funding, it is our hope to start the project within the next 12 months and complete in the 2020/21 school year.

### HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

### SUPPORT OUR APPEAL

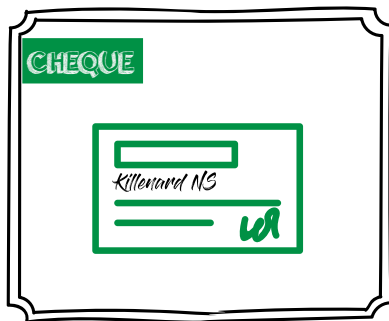
We as a school, have not sought sponsorship in the past so we hope the community of Killenard will **dig deep and give generously** in supporting what we feel is an extremely worthy appeal which will benefit pupils for generations to come. All donations will go toward the appeal and we will keep you all updated on our progress.

If you require further details please do not hesitate to contact me directly by email at [principal@naomheoin.ie](mailto:principal@naomheoin.ie)

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**Stephen Donovan**  
Principal

### HOW TO PAY

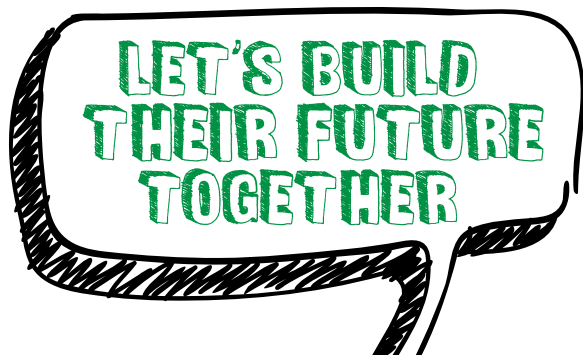


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“Donations can be paid into the school office in cash or by cheque to **Killenard NS** in an envelope marked **Astro Pitch Appeal.**”

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“Alternatively, people may wish to pay directly to the school account by bank transfer.”



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