

**Return to School
March 2021
Additions to Covid Response Plan**

Who may be affected	Identified Risks	Return to Work/School Form Controls	Risk Rating with controls	Action Implementation
All staff and pupil	<p>Spread of Covid-19 virus</p> <p>Persons currently deemed most at risk of complications if they catch the coronavirus are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 years of age and over • have long-term medical conditions – i.e. heart disease, lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer • pregnant women <p>Known effects of the coronavirus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fever (high temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above) • A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry cough • Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties • Loss of sense of smell • Loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste • Death 	<p>Return to Work form (RTW)</p> <p>This must be completed by all staff prior to the school opening.</p> <p>This declaration will state that staff are safe to return to the school environment. Staff and pupils must not return to school if they are a close contact, live with someone with symptoms of the virus, travelled outside of the Republic of Ireland.</p> <p>All children must also have a signed Return to School form to gain access to the school site.</p> <p>Children and staff are advised to self-isolate and restrict movements if they have signs of Covid 19.</p>	Requires monitoring	<p>Forms are sent to all staff principal/secretary. Copies made available at reception</p> <p>Forms are emailed and posted to all families.</p> <p>Text messages reminding all families of the importance of bringing back the form will also be sent.</p>
Who may be affected	Identified Risks	Hand Hygiene Controls	Risk Rating with Controls	Action Implementation
All staff and pupils	<p>Spread of Covid 19</p>	<p>Hand Hygiene</p> <p>Hands should be washed after activities that are likely to soil hands (play-time, PE)</p> <p>Hand sanitiser used on clean hands</p>	Requires monitoring	<p>Sanitiser at all access points and in all offices and classrooms</p>

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All staff and pupils	Risk of spread of Covid 19	<p>Ventilation in Classrooms</p> <p>Windows should be open as fully as possible when classrooms aren't in use (e.g., during break times and at the end of each day)</p> <p>Windows are partially opened during class times.</p> <p>Extra ventilation is provided in staff room and front offices</p> <p>An extra air break has been added to the school day (1.45/2.15)</p>	Requires monitoring	Ventilation discussed with all staff prior to school reopening
Who may be affected?	Identified Risks	PPE Controls	Risk Rating with Controls	Action Implementation
All staff in close contact/plus pupils	Spread of Covid 19	<p>PPE</p> <p>PPE boxes are available in all classes Medical grade masks are provided and can be worn by all staff and especially by SNA's who are working in close contact with children. Masks should be changed frequently. Screens are also available for close contact work and in the staff room</p> <p>Plastic lunch bags are available for the safe disposal of masks.</p>	Requires monitoring	Staff/BOM

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All staff	<p>Risk of spread of Covid 19</p> <p>Persons currently deemed most at risk of complications if they catch the coronavirus are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 years of age and over • have long-term medical conditions – i.e. heart disease, lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer • pregnant women <p>Known effects of the coronavirus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fever (high temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above) • A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry cough • Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties • Loss of sense of smell • Loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste • Death 	<p>Dealing with a Suspected Case</p> <p>Staff recommended to download the tracker app.</p> <p>Staff not to return or attend school if they are living with someone with symptoms of the virus</p> <p>Staff not to return to school if they travelled outside of Ireland</p> <p>Staff to review previous procedures for recognising symptoms and Dealing with a suspect case.</p> <p>Staff recommended to review the Return to Work Safely video.</p> <p>Cooperate with Public health in relation to contact tracing and follow guidelines issued to the school</p> <p>Undergo testing that may be required as part of mass or serial testing</p> <p style="text-align: center;">www.gov.ie/en/publication/dd7fb-induction-training-for-reopening-schools</p>	Requires Monitoring	BOM, Staff, Parents

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Who may be affected?	Identified Risks	Employee Assistance Service Control	Risk Rating with Controls	Action Implementation
Staff employed by DES	Staff employed by the DES Mental health issues which may /may not be linked to Covid !9	Employee Assistance Service Information on Employee Assistance Service post on the staff notice board,	Negligible	BOM/Staff
Who may be affected?	Identified Risks	Cleaning in the School Control	Risk Rating with Controls	Action Implementation
Staff and Pupils	Spread of Covid 19	BOM are required to share appendix 9 with cleaning staff. This details cleaning and disposal of waste by cleaning staff. The BOM have sent letter to cleaners and caretaker outlining cleaning duties during Covid 19 Checklists are available in classrooms/toilets/rooms. Checklists are to ticked following the completion of work All staff are to review the content of the Covid Plan and to watch the Guidelines on Returning to School Safely. www.gov.ie/en/publication/dd7fb-induction-training-for-reopening-schools	Requires Monitoring	BOM Staff

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Who may be affected?	Identified Risks	Physical Distancing Control	Risk Ratings with Controls	Action Implementation
Staff, pupils, parents	<p>Spread of Covid 19</p> <p>Known effects of the coronavirus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fever (high temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above) • A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry cough • Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties • Loss of sense of smell • Loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste • Death 	<p>Letter from Minister for Education to parents</p> <p>Letter from Deputy Chief Medical Officer</p> <p>Newsletter/texts from schools</p> <p>Notice on school website:</p> <p>All informing parents that school site is for staff and pupils only</p> <p>Asking parents/guardians not to congregate at gate on car park.</p> <p>Wearing of masks on school site</p> <p>Communication with staff through email or phone contact.</p> <p>Asking parents to keep children with symptoms of Covid 19 at home</p> <p>Safe wearing and disposal of masks by children</p> <p>Hand hygiene</p>	Requires monitoring	BOM, Staff, Pupils Parents