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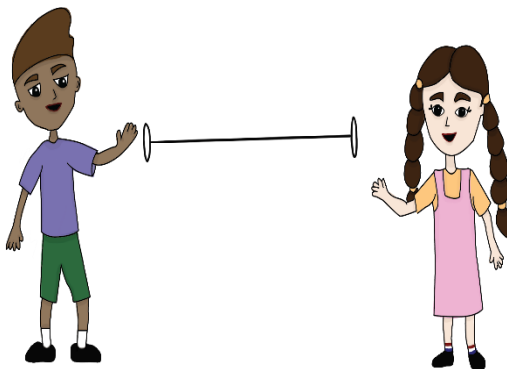
CONTROL MEASURES FOR PUPIL HEALTH & SAFETY

This document outlines the control measures in place for pupil to minimise the risk of Covid-19 infection and transmission in the school. The controls outlined will be implemented only as long as is necessary to ensure the safety and welfare of all pupils.

The controls will be reviewed regularly and as necessary.

" The best way to prevent the spread of Covid-19 in a school is to minimise the risk of introduction of the disease into the school setting in the first place."

PHYSICAL DISTANCING



Increase Separation:

Classrooms have been cleared of non-essential equipment and pupil desk layout reconfigured to maximise spacing between pupils as recommended.

Pupils from **Infants- 2nd Class** are not expected to physically distance. A 1m distance will be maintained between pupils from **3rd - 6th Class**, insofar as possible.

Decrease Interaction:

Each class in the school will be know as a **CLASS BUBBLE**. The Class bubble will remain together all day and not interact with any other bubble. SEN teachers and SNAs will move within a limited number of Class Bubbles.

Within each class, as an additional precautionary measure, the class will be subdivided into **PUPIL PODS** (small groups). A 1m distance will be maintained between pupils pods whenever possible.

Play/Yard times will be staggered and each class bubble will remain in their designated yard area and should only play with other pupils in their class.



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RESPIRATORY TECHNIQUES



Pupils will be regularly reminded by teachers/SNAs of safe respiratory techniques.

Pupils will be reminded to **cough and sneeze into their elbow or a tissue.**

Tissues that have been used must be disposed of in the designated bins in each class room.

HAND HYGIENE



Pupils will be expected to perform hand hygiene:

- On arrival to school
- Before eating or drinking
- After using the toilet
- After playing outdoors
- When their hands are physically dirty
- When they sneeze or cough

Pupils should have their own small bottle of handsanitiser (labelled) for their own personal use during classtime.

A hand sanitising unit is located at the entry door of each classroom and in various locations throughout the school.

ENTRY/EXIT TIMES



Entry and exit times have been staggered to help ease traffic flow at the school gates. Please plan to walk to school in so far as is possible.

BIKE RACKS on the school grounds for pupils are not in use until further notice

Siblings who have been assigned separate entry times can time their arrival as near as possible to the allocated times so that families can arrive together.

Teachers will meet Junior Classes (Jnf- 2nd) at designated areas of the yard. Please check the school website www.scoilthomais.ie for the latest updates on school times for classes as timetables will change as the school settles back.



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SHARING



Pupils will remain at the same workstation (table/chair) each day and during the day.

Sharing of items will be minimised as much as possible
Copies etc will be specific to each pupil

Books from the school's rental book scheme, will be assigned and used by that pupils only.

Art equipment will be assigned to pupils or quarantined for 72 hrs before use by another pupil.

Toys/Equipment/ etc will be assigned per pod and will be cleaned before swapping to a new pod.

Hands must be sanitised before and after using shared i-pads and other teaching equipment. Shared technology will be cleaned before/after use.

BRING THINGS IN AND OUT OF SCHOOL



Pupils should bring their own drinks bottle (labelled) and lunch box and pencil case to school. **A small bottle of sanitiser (labelled) should be kept in each pencil case for personal use by each pupil during the class time as advised by teacher.**

Pupils should bring a SHOE BOX to place on their desk for all their small person items - this can then be easily moved for regular sanitising of desk spaces.

A rucksac style school bag is best, this should be placed on the child's back - and hands free for sanitised before/after class time.

CLEANING



Additional cleaning and sanitisation routines throughout the school day will be done by school cleaning staff. During the school day pupils from 1st - 6th Class may be asked to assist with sanitising their own table, chair and resources under the direction of their teacher. Each classroom is supplied with sanitising equipment/materials for day to day cleaning of work stations within the classroom.



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EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Please note that for health and safety reasons there be NO extra curricular activities in the school until further notice to avoid pupils mixing between class bubbles.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)



The use of PPE (face masks) is not recommended for primary school pupils (children under 13).

Recent advice from HPSC recommend that school staff wear a PPE (facemask/visor) where a distance of 2m cannot be maintained.

It will also be necessary for school staff ie SNAs/ SEN/Class Teachers to wear PPE as necessary when working in close proximity with pupils or for care/first aid needs

A staff member will wear PPE if escorting a pupil who displays symptoms of Covid-19 to the isolation area.

SIGNAGE



Covid-19 signage and child-friendly posters are located in classrooms, corridors and around the school to remind pupils and staff of the preventative steps to prevent the infection.

PARENTS/VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL



The school must ensure that visits to the school are for essential purposes only - this includes parents/guardians and those dropping or collecting pupils. All visitors meeting with school staff for 10mins or longer will be required to complete a contact tracing log (available at school reception)

Communication with the school should be by email or phone call or by sending a note via your child to teacher. Face to face meetings with parents will only be facilitated where it considered absolutely necessary.

Meetings with school staff or essential visits to the school must be by appointment only. Adults should wear face coverings when in the school grounds or inside the school

Parents must contact the school office in cases where children need to be collected from school early and only for urgent reasons.

Please ensure your child has all necessary school items ie lunch/drink/medication etc as such items cannot be dropped into the school office except in cases of absolute need.