



Scoil Thomáis

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COVID-19 Policy Statement

SCOIL THOMÁIS is committed to providing a safe and healthy workplace for our school staff and a safe learning environment for all our pupils. To ensure this, we have developed a COVID-19 Policy Statement and a COVID-19 Response Plan.

The Board of Management and school staff are responsible for the implementation of this policy and associated plan and a combined effort is essential to manage and contain the spread of the virus.

We will:

- **monitor our COVID-19 response** on an ongoing basis and amend in consultation with school staff
- **provide up to date information** to staff and parents and pupils on the public health advice issued by the HSE and available on www.gov.ie website.
- **display information on the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and correct handwashing techniques and social distancing advice.**
- **agree with staff, a Lead Worker Representative and Assistant Lead Worker Representative** who is easily identifiable to carry out the role outlined in the Response Plan
- **inform all staff and pupils of essential hygiene and respiratory etiquette and physical distancing requirements**
- **adapt the school to facilitate physical distancing** as appropriate in line with the guidance and direction of the Department of Education
- **keep a contact log** to help with contact tracing
- **ensure staff engage with the online induction/familiarisation briefing** and other information provided by the Department of Education
- **implement the agreed procedures to be followed in the event of someone showing symptoms of COVID-19** whilst at school
- **provide instructions for staff and pupils to follow if they develop signs and symptoms of COVID-19**
- **implement cleaning regime and sanitisation** in line with Department of Education advice

All school staff will be consulted on an ongoing basis in relation to the operation of the Covid Policy Statement and Response Plan and feedback is encouraged on any concerns, issues or suggestions. This can be done through the Lead Worker Representative(s), who will be supported in line with the agreement between the Department and education partners.

Signed: *Brian Kealy* Chairperson of the Board of Management, Dated: 17th August 2020

Reference: Reopening Our Schools: The Roadmap for the Full Return to School

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