



Scoil Thomáis

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COVID-19 POLICY STATEMENT – updated September 2021

SCOIL THOMÁIS is committed to providing a safe and healthy workplace for our school staff and a safe learning environment for all our pupils. In preparation for the phased return to school September 2021 the school is updating its COVID-19 Policy Statement and the relevant sections of the COVID-19 Response Plan to reflect the provisions of Department of Education *COVID-19 Response Plan for the safe and sustainable operation of Primary and Special Schools: August 2021*. Available on www.education.ie & www.gov.ie/schools/

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 and advice on mask wearing for school staff,**
- **support the Lead Worker Representative and Assistant Lead Worker Representative** to carry out their role as outlined in the Response Plan,
- **inform all staff and pupils of essential hygiene and respiratory etiquette and physical distancing requirements and of the requirement to wear a face mask of recommended grade,**
- **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 and Public Health,
- **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 a cleaning regime and sanitisation** in line with Department of Education advice.

School staff will be consulted on an ongoing basis in relation to the operation of this updated Covid Policy Statement and Response Plan and feedback is encouraged on concerns, issues or suggestions. This will be facilitated through the Lead Worker Representatives, who will be supported in line with the agreement between the Department and education partners.

Signed: Brian Kealy, Chairperson BOM Dated: 9th September 2021

Signed: Mary McGarry, Principal Dated: 9th September 2021