

## Francis Street Covid 19 Response Plan



We are all really looking forward to welcoming our Francis Street boys back to school!!!

The school has a responsibility to make every effort to ensure the safety, health and well-being of all members of the school community- children, parents and staff. This plan has been formulated to better ensure that the school can exercise that duty of care.

It is not possible to eliminate the risk of infection. However, with the co-operation of all members of our school community, it is possible to minimize the risk of the virus being introduced to the school and the consequent risk of its spread.

As well as co-operation, the flexibility and goodwill of all will be required to ensure the plan can be implemented.

### Risk mitigation Measures

General school measures	<p><b>Signage</b> Physical distancing, handwashing, cough etiquette throughout the school</p> <p><b>Physical distancing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-1m for pupils <i>where possible</i></li><li>-2m for all adults inc. visitors to school</li><li>-All visitors (parents,contractors etc.) to the school required to wear a face covering</li><li>-Classrooms organised as bubbles with pods (of 4/6) pupils within each class</li><li>- Pods will be changed following a school holiday period</li><li>- Markings on yard for collection</li></ul> <p><b>Reducing paper handling</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Newsletters and correspondence will be sent home through the Aladdin Noticeboard to all parents</li><li>- Parents asked to enter absence reasons on the Aladdin App</li></ul> <p><b>Pupil phones</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Due to the risk of contamination we ask that pupils <b>DO NOT</b> bring their mobile phones or other personal electronic devices to school</li></ul> <p><b>Sanitising</b> Sanitising stations available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Classroom doors (wall mounted + Sanitiser on desk for T.)</li><li>- Entry/exit points to school</li><li>-Toilets</li><li>- Staff room</li><li>- Offices</li><li>- SET rooms</li><li>- Staff bathrooms</li><li>- Sensory areas</li><li>- Library</li></ul>
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	<p>We have plenty of supplies but pupils may bring their own sanitisers if they so wish</p> <p>Each class equipped with microfiber cloth, anti-viral spray, blue paper roll and soap.</p>
Access to school, including visitors	<p><b>Visitors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-By appointment only</li> <li>-Contract Tracing Log must be completed</li> </ul> <p><b>Parents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No parental access to building at any time unless by appointment.</li> <li>- Appointments with class teachers must be arranged in advance with the secretary</li> </ul>
Lead Worker Representative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Brendan</li> <li>-Nicola (Deputy)</li> </ul>
Pupil access and egress	<p><b>Entry each morning ( entry points)</b></p> <p><b>8.50 – 9.00 Parents</b> drop boys at gate and pupils can enter <u>yard from John Dillon Street or Davis Place</u>. Pupils sanitize hands and line up. Conor/Avril will supervise yard and <b>teachers collect children at 9.00</b>. Yard access will stay open until 9.10</p> <p>Please <b>do not congregate before 8.50</b>, there is a 30 minute period in which to enter the building.</p> <p><b>9.00-9.20</b> Main school door will be open, Pupils sanitize hands and go <b>directly</b> to their class.</p> <p>Video to be posted on school website outlining changes.</p> <p><b>Collection times</b></p> <p>Ideally, one parent collect, please maintain a safe distance and adhere to markings on the yard.</p> <p>6<sup>th</sup> class will leave via the main entrance (Catherine’s door) to minimize activity on the yard. Exceptions made if a sibling is in a junior class.</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> class will be lined up on yard, parent queues safely (markings on the yard) and collects child.</p>
Breaktimes	<p><b>Breaktime</b></p> <p>Junior and Senior Break. Pupils will play in their class groups (bubbles)</p> <p><b>Junior Breaks (2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>) 10.45- 11.00      12.25-12.55</b></p> <p><b>Senior Breaks (5<sup>th</sup> &amp; 6<sup>th</sup>) 11.05- 11.20      1.00-1.30</b></p> <p>There will be a 5 minute period between breaks to limit activity on the stairs. Each class will have a specific entrance and exit door.</p> <p>Yard will be divided into sections but boys can play with all the boys in their class bubble.</p>

	<p><b>Supervision</b>          -Junior yard – 1 teachers &amp; 4 SNAs (Junior teachers &amp; SNAs)          -Senior yard: 1 teacher &amp; 4 SNAs (Senior Teachers &amp; SNAs)</p> <p><b>Staff Room</b>          -Staff Room capacity reduced to allow for physical distancing          -Staff provided with their own cutlery, cup etc and required to wash their own utensils          -no handshake policy to be adhered to.</p> <p><b>Playground equipment</b>          -We will use minimal equipment but all equipment will be sterilized after use.</p>
Classroom measures	<p><b>Physical distancing</b>          -Classrooms organised as bubbles with pods of 4/6 pupils within each class          -Movement about the room reduced to a minimum within classrooms          -No congregating at teacher's desk (Portable Perspex sneeze guard at side of each T.s desk)</p> <p><b>Pupils' equipment</b>          - Storage basket for each child under their desks – workbooks, copies, to be stored here          - Only necessary books/copies brought between home &amp; school (Book Club book, copy, diary)          -No toys can be brought to school          -No bottles to be kept on the tables</p> <p><b>Ventilation</b>          -Windows will be left open where possible.</p> <p><b>Coats</b>          - Coats, hats, scarves etc. must be kept in pupils' schoolbags during the day. or hung on back of the chair</p> <p><b>Books</b>          Books will be labelled and distributed to pupils in the classroom as required and should thereafter be kept in their basket or schoolbag</p> <p><b>Clean desk policy &amp; Corrections</b>          -Teachers will only keep class texts on their table and surfaces should be kept as clutter-free as possible          - All staff to clean their workspace each afternoon          -Teachers advised to complete corrections in school rather than taking home pupils' workbooks/copies.</p> <p><b>Hand sanitising</b>          Hands to be sanitised          -On arrival at school (<i>please wash hands thoroughly prior to leaving home</i>)          - After using the toilet          - Before eating/drinking          - After playing outdoors</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- When they cough or sneeze</li> </ul> <p><b>Group Work</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Can be undertaken within each pod</li> <li>- Pupils use their own equipment when possible</li> <li>- Shared resources will be cleaned regularly</li> </ul> <p><b>Curriculum</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gaelige, English, Mathematics, SPHE (Social, Personal &amp; Health Education) and PE to be prioritised on the return to school</li> <li>- Outdoor learning to be encouraged as much as possible (Teachers will be in touch in relation to PE days (<b>2 designated tracksuit days per week</b>))</li> <li>- We will apply safety measures in a practical and sensible way whilst maintaining a focus on teaching and learning</li> </ul>
Special Education measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-SET teachers sanitise desks and chairs after each group</li> <li>-sensory areas – sanitiser to be used before/after session</li> </ul>
SNA measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-SNAs work with pupils within a pod</li> <li>-SNA's are required to wear face coverings</li> </ul>
Staff Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provided by DES and undertaken before return to work</li> <li>- Staff members sign off that they have received and read the COVID-19 Response Plan</li> <li>- Return to Work Questionnaire to be completed by all staff</li> </ul>
Substitution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Pupils will <b>not</b> be dispersed among other classrooms</li> <li>-School will try to source substitutes</li> <li>-SET teachers may be required to cover and will be assigned to specific classes.</li> </ul>
Shared Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Tablets/computers: cleaned with anti viral wipes after use</li> <li>-Shared resources will be cleaned on a regular basis</li> </ul>
Cleaning	<p><b>General school cleaning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cleaning programme will be designed with cleaners</li> <li>- Programme will be recorded and records kept</li> <li>- cleaning will be carried out in line with NPHET guidelines</li> <li>- additional cleaner hired</li> <li>- School cleaned every afternoon (when pupils have left the building)</li> </ul> <p><b>Individual responsibilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-All staff members to clean workstations daily</li> </ul> <p><b>Disposal of Waste</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continue classroom practise of recycling</li> <li>- Food and lunchbox waste to go home in lunchboxes to be recycled</li> </ul>
Identification and isolation of potentially infectious individuals	<p><b><u>Pupils and staff should not attend school if displaying symptoms of Covid 19 or if they have travelled to a country outside of government directed green list until quarantine period has expired.</u></b></p> <p><b>If pupil displays symptoms of Covid 19 while in school the following procedure will be implemented:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Parent/Guardian contacted immediately</li> <li>-Isolation area identified</li> <li>-PPE available for attending staff members</li> <li>- Arrangements to be made immediately for safe egress from</li> </ul>

	<p>Building, <i>LWR/staff member will stay with child at all times whilst maintaining a safe distance.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-A mask will be provided for the child presenting with symptoms.</li> <li>-Child should be taken home as soon as possible and advised to inform their GP by phone of their symptoms. Public transport of any kind should not be used</li> <li>-If they are too unwell to go home or advice is required, the school will contact health services.</li> <li>- Cleaning regime as described in NPHET guidelines to be undertaken following a confirmed case</li> </ul>
Supporting students who are isolating	<p><i>In individual cases where pupils have been advised by a doctor to isolate:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Parents should contact the school to inform them of this advice</li> <li>- Class teachers will contact parents and arrange for work suggestions to be uploaded to the google classroom</li> </ul> <p><i>In the case of a localised school closure:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parents will be updated immediately through the Aladdin communication system</li> <li>- Learning programmes will be provided using Google Classroom</li> </ul>
Safeguarding our admin staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Limited staff access to school office</li> <li>-Perspex screen erected on secretary's desk</li> <li>- Contract tracing log to be signed by all visitors</li> <li>-Visitors to make appointment prior to school entry</li> </ul>
Communication with parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-This plan to be shared Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August along with class allocations through Aladdin and available on school website.</li> <li>- Videos showing pupils changes to entry and collection published on website Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August</li> <li>- Class teachers can be contacted by email. Contact details will be posted on Aladdin.</li> </ul>