



St Helen's Senior National School

COVID-19 Policy Statement

24th August 2021

St Helen's Senior National School is committed to providing a safe and healthy workplace for all our staff and a safe learning environment for all our pupils. To ensure that, we have developed the following COVID-19 Response Plan. The Board of Management and all school staff are responsible for the implementation of this plan and a combined effort will help contain the spread of the virus. We will:

- ✓ Continue to monitor our COVID-19 response and amend this plan in consultation with our staff
- ✓ Provide up to date information to our staff and pupils on the Public Health advice issued by the HSE and Gov.ie
- ✓ Display information on the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and correct handwashing techniques
- ✓ Agree with staff, a worker representative who is easily identifiable to carry out the role outlined in this 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 induction / familiarisation briefing provided by the Department of Education
- ✓ Implement the agreed procedures to be followed in the event of someone showing symptoms of COVID-19 while at school
- ✓ Provide instructions for staff and pupils to follow if they develop signs and symptoms of COVID-19 during school time
- ✓ Implement cleaning in line with Department of Education advice
- ✓ All school staff will be consulted on an ongoing basis 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.

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