

Solas Chríost National School - COVID-19 Policy Statement

Solas Chríost 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 and updated 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 hand-washing 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** and the **Assistant Lead Worker Representative** who will be supported in line with the agreement between the Department and education partners.

Signed: *Anthony Feeney*

Chairperson of Board of Management

Date: 23rd August 2021

Signed: *Edward Kelly*

Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management

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