



COVID-19 RETURN TO SCHOOL SAFELY INDUCTION FOR STUDENTS

NAME: _____

DATE OF RETURN TO SCHOOL: _____

The Board of Management at Colaiste Muire set forth new measures designed to minimise the risk of Covid -19 in the school. Covid-19 Response Plan is available to all parents/guardians from the school website and has been developed to address the risk of Covid-19. It outlines the measures we are committed to implementing in addressing these risks.

Parents / Guardians / Students need to familiarise themselves with the Symptoms of Covid-19 i.e. Fever or Chills, Cough, Shortness of breath, Fatigue, Aches and Pains. Students should immediately inform their Teacher should they experience any of these symptoms.

- **“Stay at Home if Unwell” Policy** is in operation at Colaiste Muire. This means that if any student displays symptoms of Covid-19 they should stay at home. Should a student display symptoms in class, they will be immediately isolated on the school premises and the parent /guardian will be contacted to collect the student.



- **Classrooms** – Students will be allocated seating in each classroom. Designated entrances and exits will be assigned to each year group. Designated areas for break-time and lunch-times will also be assigned.
- **Student Lockers** will not be available.
- **Cleaning** – We will see increased cleaning schedules from the start of the new school year. Cleaners will focus on sanitising touch points i.e. handrails, door handles, in addition to our normal schedule of cleaning.
- **Hygiene** – Students are expected to wash hands thoroughly for 20 seconds using water and soap at various points throughout the school day i.e. before and after each break.
- **Hand Sanitising Stations are located as follows** – All Student Entrances, Outside each toilet block, Outside the staff room door, outside each classroom, in all meeting areas. Students are asked to bring their own sanitiser also. Students are advised to not (either intentionally or accidentally) ingest hand sanitiser.
- **Respiratory Etiquette** - Students are reminded to cover their nose and mouth when sneezing / coughing. Used tissues should be discarded immediately in the nearest available waste bin. Cups, bottles, pens are not to be shared.
- **Contact Tracing Log** – is in operation for the detection and isolation of close contacts of a suspected / confirmed case of Covid-19. VS Ware will be the primary tool used for retrospectively tracing movements of students.
- **Only authorised personnel allowed in the building** i.e. those who have filled out the Covid-19 Self Declaration Form. Visitors to the school are now by appointment only.
- **Collecting students from school** – Parents / guardians are asked to **not** come to the reception when collecting a student. They should phone the school office, indicate that they are in the car park to collect the student. The secretary will sign the sign out book as confirmation and then let the student leave.
- **Social Distancing** is important - Maintain at least 2 metres between you and anyone else where at all possible.
- **Use of PPE** – we will follow the latest Public Health Advice regarding use of Face coverings in Colaiste Muire.
- **Water Dispensers** are available in the school. Students should have their own bottle and not share it.
- **Blended Learning Plan** – as the Covid-19 crisis continues to evolve Colaiste Muire will take appropriate steps to safeguard our school community. This may see a return to distance learning / blended learning environment using Teams/One Note for Education and other technologies. We will provide more information if / when this is likely in the school. We would advise that you have all books downloaded at home.

• **If you or a student develops Covid-19 Symptoms in school, the procedure is as follows:**

- Provide the suspected case with a mask and disposable gloves from the PPE Pack in each classroom. Suspected Case shall wear the mask at all times up until they leave the school premises.
- Accompany the suspected case to the Isolation Room.
- Arrange transport home or to hospital for medical assessment. Public transport of any kind should not be used.
- Suspected Case shall avoid touching people, surfaces and objects so far as is reasonably possible.
- Suspected Case should cover their mouth and nose with disposable tissue provided when they cough or sneeze and put the tissue in the waste bag provided.
- Once the suspected case has left the premises, appropriate cleaning of the isolation area and classrooms will take place.
- Colaiste Muire will provide assistance if contacted by the HSE.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

