

Curragh Post Primary School

COVID-19 Draft Response Plan for the safe and sustainable reopening of our school

Procedures (Subject to change)



Classrooms

- **Base classrooms** for class groups, teachers move, students move for practical/option classes only
 - **1st Yrs Rms 13 and 7**
 - **2nd Yrs Rm 16**
 - **3rd yrs Rm 11**
 - **5th Yrs Rm 10**
 - **5th LCA Rm 5**
 - **6th Yrs Rm 3**
 - **6th LCA Rm 2**
- **Students go directly to base class in the morning**
- Desks at 1m distance shoulder to shoulder in classrooms, surplus desks/presses have been removed
- Windows will be open more frequently so students may need an additional layer under their uniform, or get a school fleece.

Lockers / Student equipment

- Due to physical distancing requirements students will not be able to use lockers. We have ordered a suitable plastic box for every student to leave their books in throughout the day. It will be stored in their base classroom. No valuable personal belongings are to be stored in this box.
- No sharing of equipment, pens, rulers, calculators etc. Students must have their own.

Uniform

- The school uniform must be worn every day except on PE day **when Students are to wear their PE gear to school.**
- Parents are asked to wash school uniforms regularly.

Access to the school Building and Personnel

- **Parents must phone the school to make an appointment to come to the school and must phone when outside before coming in.** Sign in at main office.
- **The school will be open form 8.15 and will close at 4.15, except on Wednesday when the school will close at 1.30.**

Changes within/around the two buildings (Block B and C) & in-school practice

- No cars will be allowed in the area between the two buildings.
- External Coverings/Shelters have been ordered to provide shelter when students are queueing outside classrooms.
- One way systems are in place and all fire doors and fire escapes will be in use, where necessary, to ensure class groups are not mixing when moving between class periods.
- Signage directing student movement is in place.
- The staff room is moving to the old lunch room.
- Rooms have been identified as isolation rooms if needed - Sensory Rm, Rm 18, Front internal porch, Rm 1 and the old staffroom.
- Following guidance practical subjects will focus on theory for the first two months of the school year, or until further guidance.
- Following guidance there will be no extra-curricular activities for the first two months of the school year, or until further guidance.

Lunch

- Lunch in base classrooms for students. Students will be allowed outside for fresh air but will be constantly reminded of the need to maintain physical distance.
- Lunches will continue to be provided for all students, unless the student opts out.
- Water will be provided with student's individual daily lunch bag for those who avail of it. These **bottles cannot be refilled** and so students should bring extra drinks from home.
- Toasters and water dispensers will not be in use.
- We hope to have a breakfast club up and running for the week of September 14th in Room 9 - more details to follow.
- Additional and staggered time at break times to allow for extra time to use bathrooms, hand hygiene and smoother safer movement through the buildings.

Hygiene and PPE

- Every student is requested to bring their own hygiene pack to school with a small bottle of hand sanitiser, a small pack of tissues, a face shield and a cloth mask in a wipeable Ziploc type bag. Students can refill their individual sanitiser bottle in school, when required.
- Reusable **Cloth masks must be washed every night.**
- **In line with current guidelines, students are required to wear a face covering in the school where the 2meter distance cannot be maintained.**
- Hand sanitiser dispensers have been placed in every classroom and corridor.
- **Hygiene and cleanliness is everyone's business and responsibility.**
- Teachers and student will clean down their chair and desk before leaving the room. **Wipes will be available in every room.**

Student Induction

- The following is the **schedule for reopening** to allow for a comprehensive safe induction for every student given the new circumstances:

Date	Year group
Wed August 26 th - Friday August 28 th	Whole Staff re-induction, meetings & planning
Monday August 31 st	6 th Year only induction
Tuesday September 1 st	1 st Year only induction
Wednesday September 2 nd	3 rd Year only induction
Thursday September 3 rd	2 nd Year only induction
Friday September 4 th	5 th year only induction
Monday September 7 th	Classes for 6 th and 1 st Years only
Tuesday September 8 th	Classes for 6 th and 2 nd Years only
Wednesday September 9 th	Classes for 6 th and 5 th Years only
Thursday September 10 th	Classes for 6 th and 3 rd Years only
Friday September 11 th	Classes for 6 th , 1 st and 3 rd Years only
Monday September 14 th	Classes as normal for everyone

Parental responsibilities

- Any student returning to Ireland from abroad **must follow government directions and quarantine for 14 days**
- Parents must ensure **contact details given to the school are up to date** with an emergency number if a parent cannot be contacted.
- Wash cloth masks daily and uniforms regularly
- As the primary educators, it is important that parents regularly remind and discuss with their child the importance of adhering to the new rules to keep everyone safe, and thereby support the school is helping us to keep everyone safe.
- If your child displays any of the common symptoms of COVID-19 they **should not attend school**, self-isolate at home and contact should be made with your GP by phone.
- If your child becomes unwell while in school, they will be brought to an isolation room you will be contacted and required to collect your child immediately.

This COVID-19 Response plan is in place for the wellbeing of all of us. From time to time a student may need reminding of his/her responsibilities to comply with the contents of this plan for the wellbeing of others. Deliberate or repeated refusal to comply with the H&S requirements of the COVID-19 Response Plan will result in the application of the school Code of Behaviour.