

Plan for Re-opening of the School

Underlying Principles

- The school has a responsibility to make an effort to ensure the safety, health and well-being of all members of our school community – children, parents and staff. This plan has been formulated to better ensure that the school can exercise that duty of care.
- Assuming it is in keeping with public health advice and guidelines issued by the Department of Education and Skills, it is preferable for all children to return to school for all five days of the school week and for a full school day. This plan has been formulated to achieve that aim.
- 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 minimise the risk of the virus being introduced to 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.
- As much as possible children are encouraged to walk or cycle to school. If coming by car please park at a distance from the school and allow your child/ children to walk the remainder of the way. Try and maintain the same area in the village for dropping and collecting.

Assumptions

- All children return to school and classes operate within a bubble system.
- Within each class from 3rd to 6th, the children will be further divided into pods.
- The school is split into 2 Blocks with 2 classes within each block. Each block will have different break times, lunch times and finishing times.
- Block 1 includes Junior and Senior Infants and 3rd and 4th class.
- Block 2 includes 1st and 2nd Class and 5th and 6th Class
- The day will include 1 x 20 minute breaks and 1 X 30 minute breaks
- Hand sanitiser will be available at all entry points and in all class and support rooms

Block 1	Block 2
Jun & Sen Infants – Múinteoir Caitríona	1st & 2nd Class – Múinteoir Michelle
3rd and 4th Class – Múinteoir Gail	5th and 6th Class – Múinteoir Clár

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Timetables

Timetable for Block 1 Jun & Sen Inf 3rd and 4th Class	Timetable for Block 2 1st and 2nd 5th and 6th
<p>9:10– 9:40 Arrival time</p> <p>9:40 – School starts</p> <p>10.30 – Break time</p> <p>10.50 – Class resumes</p> <p>12:00 – Jun Infants finish (until the 11th of Sept)</p> <p>12:40– Lunch time</p> <p>1:05 – Class resumes</p> <p>2:00 – Infant classes finish</p> <p>2:45 – 3rd and 4th Class finish</p>	<p>9.10 – 9:40 Arrival time</p> <p>9:40 – School starts</p> <p>10.50 – Break time</p> <p>11:10 – Class resumes</p> <p>1:10 – Lunch time</p> <p>1.35– Class resumes</p> <p>2:50 – 1st and 2nd finish</p> <p>2:55 – 5th and 6th finish</p>

Key to Entrances & Exits

Entrance and Exit Points	Number/ Letter
Entrance to prefab	1
Left side of school – East Door	2
Right Side of school – West Door	3
East Gate	A
West Gate	B

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Entrance & Exit Points for Specific Classes

Teacher	Class	Entrance & Exit Point	Gate
Múinteoir Caitriona	Jun Inf	1	A
Múinteoir Caitriona	Sen Inf	1	A
Múinteoir Michelle	1 st Class	2	A
Múinteoir Michelle	2 nd Class	2	A
Múinteoir Gail	3 rd Class	3	B
Múinteoir Gail	4 th Class	3	B
Múinteoir Clár	5 th Class	3	B
Múinteoir Clár	6 th Class	3	B

Arrival at school

- Children in Block 1 should arrive to school between the times of 9:10 – 9:25.
Children in Block 2 arrive to school between 9:25 and 9:40 .
Families with children in different blocks can arrive at the time that suits best.
- We ask for co-operation with these times as it will mean that the numbers congregating on school grounds at any one time will be minimised.
- Children wash their hands at the washing stations prior to entering the school building
- No adults, other than staff members, should enter the school grounds.
- Messages for teachers can be sent by email to scoilbhreacchluain@gmail.com or by phoning the school office on 0669157436.

End of School Day

- When the school day for all classes is over the following arrangements will apply –
- Adults collecting Junior, Senior Infants, 1st and 2nd class please remain outside gate A socially distanced.
- Adults collecting 3rd – 6th class should make arrangements for a pick up point that their child could walk to.
 - Jun Inf will finish at 12pm until 11th of September and will be collected at Gate A
 - Sen Inf will finish at 2pm and will be leave their room and be collected at Gate A.
 - 3rd and 4th class will finish at 2:45pm and exit via Door 3 and Gate B
 - 1st and 2nd Class will finish at 2:50pm and exit via Door 2 and Gate A
 - 5th and 6th Class will finish at 2:55pm and exit via door 3 and Gate B.

Collection of Children during the School Day

If an adult has to collect a child during the course of the school day, the following arrangements will apply

- When the adult arrives at the school, they should either phone the office or use the intercom at the front door of the school to alert the office that they have arrived.

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- The child will be brought from their class to the adult by a member of staff
- The adult who is collecting will be asked to sign the child out
- No adult should enter the school building, unless invited to do so

Dealing with a suspected case of Covid-19

Pupils should not attend school if displaying any symptoms of Covid-19. If a pupil displays symptoms of Covid-19 while in the building, the following are the procedures will be implemented:

- Parents/guardians will be contacted immediately
- The child will be accompanied to the designated isolation area via the isolation route by a member of staff. The staff member will remain at least 2 metres away from the symptomatic child and will also make sure that others maintain a distance of at least 2 metres from the symptomatic child at all times
- A mask will be provided for the child presenting with symptoms, if one is available. He/she should wear the mask if in a common area with other people or while exiting the premises
- An assessment will be made as to whether the child who is displaying symptoms can immediately be brought home by parents and call their doctor and continue self-isolation at home
- The school will facilitate the child presenting with symptoms to remain in isolation, if they cannot immediately go home, and will assist them by calling their GP.
- The child presenting with symptoms should be advised to cover their mouth and nose with the disposable tissue provided when they cough or sneeze and to put the tissue in the waste bag provided
- If the child is well enough to go home, the school will arrange for them to be transported home by a family member, as soon as possible, and advise them to inform their GP by phone of their symptoms. Public transport of any kind should not be used
- If they are too unwell to go home or advice is required, the school will contact 999 or 112 and inform them that the sick child is a Covid-19 suspect.
- Arrangements will be made for appropriate cleaning of the isolation area and work areas involved.

The HSE will inform any staff/parents who have come into close contact with a diagnosed case via the contact tracing process. The HSE will contact all relevant persons where a diagnosis of COVID-19 is made. The instructions of the HSE should be followed.

Children who should not attend school

If your child is in one of the following categories, they should not attend school –

- Children who have been diagnosed with Covid-19
- Children who have been in close contact with a person who has been diagnosed with Covid-19
- Children who have a suspected case of Covid-19 and the outcome of the test is pending
- Children who have been in contact with a person who has a suspected case of Covid-19 and the outcome of the test is pending
- Children with underlying health conditions who have been directed by a medical professional not to attend school
- Children who have returned home after travelling abroad and must self-isolate for a period of 14 days
- Children who are generally unwell

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Supporting the Learning of Children who cannot attend school

If a child is not able to attend school for an extended period of time, the class teacher (and/or the learning support teacher, where relevant) will plan activities to support the child's learning at home and will be supported by parents.

Impact of a Suspected or Confirmed Case of Covid-19 in a Class

If the school is notified that a person in your child's class has a suspected or confirmed case of Covid-19

- The parents of all children in the class will be notified via text/parent
- Public health advice will be sought and followed

Uniforms

We would advise parents to rotate the school uniform and tracksuit as much as possible. We would recommend children are to wear their tracksuits on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Children are to wear their uniforms on Tuesday and Thursday.

This is to give families to wash/ steam school clothing between wears. Please provide a complete spare change of clothing for your child in a **labelled bag** in case of an accident.

Personal Equipment

- In so far as possible, it is requested that children from Junior infants to 6th Class will bring their own pens, pencils, colours, rubbers, etc., to school in their own pencil case to avoid the sharing of equipment. This equipment will remain in school. Therefore it will be necessary for children to have a second set of equipment at home.
- It is further requested that all items have the child's name on them for ease of identification.

Shared Equipment

By necessity, some classroom equipment needs to be shared including tablets, laptops and the equipment used for structured activities and play in Infant classrooms. Cleaning of such shared equipment with wipes or other cleaning products will take place at regular intervals to minimise the risk of the spread of infection.

Yards TBD

Block 1 and Block 2 will have access to the yards during their allotted break times as follows –

Block	Class	Yard
1	Jun and Sen Infants	Front Yard
1	3 rd and 4 th Class	Back Yard
2	1 st and 2 nd	Front Yard
2	5 th and 6 th	Back Yard

Yards will be supervised by class teachers, SET teachers and SNAs working within those bubbles.

Learning Support

In keeping with our Special Education policy, learning support will be provided by a blended approach of in-class support and withdrawal. The provision of support will be organised to ensure our support teachers will work within the confines of a bubble.

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- Where a support teacher is working alongside a class teacher in a classroom, both teachers must be mindful of maintaining social distance from one another.
- Where children from 3rd to 6th Class receive support in one of the SET rooms, social distancing of 1 metre will be maintained between each child in the group.
- The tables and chairs in SET rooms will be wiped clean in between different groups attending

PPE and Cleaning

Staff in will wear visors. Staff will wear masks when applicable and according to HSE guidelines. Primary school children are not required to wear face coverings in school. Staff who are attending to particular care needs or who are administering first aid will wear appropriate PPE including gloves, visors and face masks.

The school is purchasing a fogger which is a machine that provides a more thorough coverage of disinfectant to ensure effective infection control. This fogger will assist in the sanitising of classrooms and equipment at the end of each school day. The school will also increase and enhance it's cleaning regime.

Teacher Absence and Substitution

In the event that a teacher is unable to attend school, every effort will be made to secure a substitute teacher for the class. If a substitute teacher is not available on that day the SET teacher for the class grouping will teach the class. The Department of Education are allowing schools to employ a substitute on another day to make up for the lost time in Special Education/ Learning Support.

PE

Where possible, PE should take place outdoors and use of equipment should be confined to the sets that have been distributed to class groupings. If the PE hall is being used by class groupings, common touch points should be cleaned at intervals throughout the school day.

Toys and footballs during yard

For the moment no toys of any sort or footballs are to be brought to the school. Footballs/basketballs/ will be provided to all classes.

Extra-curricular Activities

Further updates will be provided in September.

Review

This plan will be reviewed on the 11th of September.