

INCH NATIONAL SCHOOL COVID 19 RESPONSE PLAN OVERVIEW



Our school community will need to behave differently and follow specific rules to help prevent the spread of Covid-19 in our school. We need your continued support and cooperation to help us implement our Covid 19 Response Plan.

YOU SHOULD NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY HAVE A TEMPERATURE, A COUGH OF ANY KIND, LOSS OF SMELL/TASTE OR HAVE ANY KIND OF SHORTNESS OF BREATH.

If you are in any doubt whether you should send your child to school or not, please err on the side of caution.

Measures to keep your child safe while in school:

- The school day will continue to start at 9:20 and finish at 2:00 (infants)/ 3:00 (1st -6th). Children will go straight to classrooms in the morning and the main entrance will now be open from 8:45
- To help our new Junior infants to settle into school life, **they will finish school at the earlier time of 12:00** for the first 7 school days (2 o'clock pick up commencing Mon 7/9/20)
- Children will independently enter and exit the school via the main door and must use this door at all times. (More details to follow)
- Collection of Junior & Senior Infants will now be from the school gate.
- Throughout the school there will be hand sanitizers provided which children will be required to use and they will be asked to regularly wash their hands while in school.
- Classes will be confined to mixing with only their own class group. (Bubbles) This includes break time and no whole school activities such as assemblies will take place
- Within each class, the children will be grouped into pods which will be distanced 1 metre from the next pod.
- Children will be required to use their own resources namely pencils, scissors etc and sharing of resources, particularly from 3rd -6th will not be allowed.
- Children will be required to bring a plastic box with them for storing their belongings and books during the school day.
- Staff will maintain a regular cleaning routine of all resources and materials that will be used by different pods or classes.
- The school will be cleaned by contract cleaners, following all government guidelines, advice and checklists, every day.
- If your child becomes ill in school with any of the symptoms of covid-19, they will be immediately cared for in an isolation space where they will remain until they are collected. They must be collected as soon as possible. Please ensure that your contact details are up to date and provide an emergency contact also.
- As per department of Education guidance, all teachers will wear masks/visors where a distance of 2m cannot be maintained.
- Uniforms and tracksuits will be worn on alternate days – Uniforms Mon, Wed, Fri and tracksuits Tuesday & Thursday.

How can you help?

- Take your child's temperature before coming to school and ensure their hands are clean
- Do not enter the school grounds, unless prior permission to do so has been granted by the principal
- Communicate with your child's teacher via their school email address
- Make payments to school via the online payment system
- Do not allow your child to bring any personal items, which are not necessary for school, in to school ie toys, teddies etc
- Do not loiter around the school at drop off and collection time. It is strictly set-down-and-go at all times.
- Talk to your child about the importance of good respiratory hygiene, hand washing and social distancing.