

COVID-19 Policy Statement

Kiltale 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 the following COVID-19 Response Plan. The BOM 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 under the direction of the Department of Education and in line with Public Health advice and guidelines.
- provide up to date information to our staff, pupils and parents on the Public Health advice issued by the HSE, Gov.ie and Department of Education
- display information on the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and correct handwashing techniques
- agree with staff to appoint, a lead worker representative who is easily identifiable to carry out the role outlined in this plan
- inform all staff and pupils of essential hygiene, respiratory etiquette, physical distancing requirements, the importance of ventilation in every room and the wearing of masks.
- adapt the school to facilitate physical distancing as appropriate under the direction of the Department of Education and in line with Public Health guidelines.
- keep a contact log of all visitors to the school as required by the Department of Education and HSE.
- ensure staff engage with the induction / familiarisation briefing and relevant training as directed by the Department of Education and in line with Public Health advice and guidelines
- implement the agreed procedures at that time to be followed in the event of someone showing symptoms of COVID-19 while at school under the direction of the Department of Education and in line with Public Health advice and guidelines
- 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(s), who will be supported in line with the agreement between the Department and education partners.

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