



COVID-19 Policy Statement

Coláiste Iognáid is committed to providing a safe and healthy workplace for all our staff and a safe learning environment for all our students. 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
- provide up to date information to our staff and students on the Public Health advice issued by the HSE and Gov.ie
- display information on the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and correct hand-washing techniques
- agree with staff, two worker representatives who are easily identifiable to carry out the role outlined in this plan
- inform all staff and students of essential hygiene and respiratory etiquette and physical distancing requirements
- adapt the school to facilitate physical distancing as appropriate in line with the public health guidance and direction of the Department of Education
- keep a contact log to help with contact tracing
- ensure staff and students engage with the induction / familiarisation briefing provided by the Department of Education
- implement the agreed procedures to be followed in the event of someone showing symptoms of COVID-19 while at school
- provide instructions for staff and students 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 Representatives, who will be supported in line with the agreement between the Department and education partners.

Signed: Justin Fairley Chairperson BOM

Date: 20 August 2020

Signed: J. O'Sullivan Principal

Date: 20th August 2020

Appendix 1

School Specific Measures as of 23rd August 2020

Note: These measures are in addition to other actions identified in the response plan.

The list is not exhaustive

1. Lockers have been removed. Teachers will reduce the necessity of students to bring books every day, where possible.
2. All class groups have been assigned to base classrooms.
3. Classrooms have been reconfigured in line with the framework to maintain physical distancing in line with returning to school guidelines.
<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/7acad-reopening-our-post-primary-schools/>
4. A one-way system has been designed and one fire exit door has been converted into a regular door.
5. Increased supervision will be provided to promote social distancing
6. The timetable has been reconfigured to allow for staggered break and lunch times
7. Numbers of students in common areas will be limited
8. A marquee has been hired to provide shelter for students during break times
9. TY Social Outreach has been cancelled and Work Experience will now take place every Friday until Christmas.
10. An addendum to the Code of Behaviour has been developed to cover issues which may arise as a result of the Pandemic