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Maynooth Educate Together NS Summary Covid-19 Response Plan

This Covid-19 Summary Response Plan sets out some main aspects of our response to prevent the introduction and/or spread of the Covid-19 virus in the school environment.

It is important that school-based teaching and learning and the operation of our school facilities complies with the public health advice and guidance documents prepared by the Department of Education & Skills. Doing so minimises the risk to pupils, staff and others. Our response plan supports the sustainable operation of our school, where the overriding objective is to protect the health of staff and pupils while promoting the educational & developmental needs of the pupils in the school. Our Covid-19 response plan is a living document and will be updated in line with the public health advice as appropriate.

1. All parents/pupils will be asked adhere strictly to their child's assembly and dispersal times (outlined in email to all families on 27.08.21)
2. All adults/visitors entering the school grounds must wear a face mask/covering.
3. Parents must keep socially distanced (2 metres) and may not congregate on the school grounds.
4. Parents, visitors, sales people will not be allowed to enter the school beyond the school reception area. Parents with queries or information for the school or class teacher may speak to the school secretary at reception or preferably, either phone the school office and/or message the class teacher.
5. During school assembly in the mornings, the school yard will be well supervised from 8.20am, so parents are advised to use the drop and go one-way system as much as possible. Ideally parents should not get out of their cars, they should drop off and drive on
6. Class pods/bubbles will be maintained in all classes this year
7. Children will be required to use hand sanitiser on entering the school, on entry to their classroom and after using the toilets. The class teacher will organise regular hand-washing
8. Common symptoms of coronavirus include: a fever, a new cough, shortness of breath or breathing difficulties, loss or change in your sense of smell or taste, fatigue, aches and pains. Other uncommon symptoms of coronavirus include: sore throat, headaches, runny or stuffy noses, feeling sick or vomiting, diarrhoea.

Infection with the virus that causes COVID-19 can cause illness, ranging from mild to severe, and, in some cases, can be fatal. It can take up to 14 days for symptoms to show. They can be similar to symptoms of cold and flu

If you have any symptoms of COVID-19 (coronavirus), self-isolate, (stay in your room) and phone your family doctor straight away to see if you need a Covid-19 test. If any child is coughing or displaying any symptoms of Covid-19, parents are asked not to send their child to school until they have taken the appropriate medical advice & testing if necessary.

The assistance and cooperation of all staff, pupils, parents, contractors and visitors is critical to the continued success of this plan for the forthcoming school year.

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