



Covid 19 Response Plan – St. Angela’s NS – Updated Amendments 25/2/2021

Topic	Reference in Plan	Action
Public Health/Government/ Department of Education Advice	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Systems are in place to keep up to date with public health advice, changes to any Government plans for the safe reopening of society and Department of Education updates; • This information has and will be passed on in a timely manner to staff, pupils, parents and others as required.
Staff		Email sent to staff with information/slides on school reopening
Parents		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email sent to parents with information on school reopening. Parents asked to complete a Return to Educational Facility Declaration Form. • Parents are advised that communication with the school is through contact with the office or via seesaw/email only.
Pupils		Pupils are being educated on behaviours & practices regarding Covid-19. Information sent to parents and shared on school website and seesaw/zoom lessons prior to return. Classes will continue ongoing education in this area.
Induction Training	4.1	All staff will confirm that they have completed Induction Training and reviewed the training materials provided by the Department of Education
Return to Work (RTW)form	4.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All staff have been provided with access to the Return to Work (RTW) form; • All staff (verbally or in writing) will be requested to confirm that the details in the pre- return-to-work form remain unchanged.
Appointment of A Lead Worker representative (LWR) and assistant Lead Worker	4.3	<p>A Lead Worker representative and assistant Lead Worker have been appointed. There is no change to this</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LWR: Maria Mulligan • Assistant LWR: Veina Brett



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Signage	4.4	School has displayed signage outlining the signs and symptoms of COVID-19, to support good hand and respiratory hygiene, physical distancing etc. Signage is outdoors and indoors.
School Layout	4.5	The school has reconfigured classrooms and other areas as necessary to support physical distancing in line with the guidance in advance of school reopening.
Health & Safety Risk Assessment	4.6	This is being reviewed and updated in line with new amendments to the Covid Response Plan.
Access to School	4.7	Access to the school building will be in line with agreed school procedures. i.e. by appointment only and with Contact Tracing Log in place
Infection Prevention Control Measures - To prevent Introduction and Spread of COVID-19 in Schools	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff and pupils advised to self-isolate or restrict their movements at home if they display any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 and to contact their family doctor to arrange a test. • Staff and pupils advised not to return to or attend school in the event of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ if they are identified by the HSE as a close contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19 ➤ if they live with someone who has symptoms of the virus ➤ If they have travelled outside of Ireland; in such instances staff are advised to consult and follow latest Government advice in relation to foreign travel. • Staff and pupils advised to cooperate with any public health officials and the school for contact tracing purposes and follow any public health advice in the event of a case or outbreak in the school



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Know the Symptoms of COVID-19	5.1	High temperature, Cough, Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties, Loss of smell, of taste or distortion of taste
Respiratory Hygiene	5.2	This means covering your mouth and nose with a tissue or your bent elbow when you cough or sneeze. Then dispose of the used tissue immediately and safely into a nearby bin.
Hand Hygiene	5.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hand hygiene can be achieved by hand washing or use of a hand sanitiser (when hands look clean).• Use of hand hygiene facilities including wash hand basins will be managed so as to avoid congregation of people waiting to use wash hand basins and hand sanitisers.• There is a requirement for access to handwashing facilities after activities that are likely to soil hands, for example playing outside or certain sporting activities as hand sanitiser does not work on dirty hands• Alcohol-based sanitiser will not be stored or used near heat or naked flame
Frequency of Hand Hygiene	5.3	Pupils and staff should perform hand hygiene: On arrival at school; Before eating or drinking; After using the toilet; After playing outdoors; When their hands are physically dirty; When they cough or sneeze.



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Physical Distancing – In School	5.4	<p><u>Increasing separation</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reconfigure class spaces to maximize physical distancing 2. Utilise and reconfigure all available space in the school in order to maximize physical distancing <p><u>Decreasing interaction</u></p> <p>Bubbles & Pods At least 1m distance between pupils</p>
Physical Distancing: School Drop Off/Collection	5.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking/cycling to school will be encouraged as much as possible. • Signage to be displayed encouraging distance of 2m between Parents and guardians and between parents and guardians and school staff. • Pupils will head straight to their small group designated area in the playground or, on wet days to their classroom. • Plan in place to ensure staggered exit from school at end of day. • Parents requested to wear face masks on school grounds • Parents asked not to congregate.
Physical Distancing: Staff	5.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A distance of 2m is recommended for physical distancing by staff • If 2m cannot be maintained in staff groups, as much as distance as is possible and guidance on face covering should be observed. • Physical distancing should be observed between staff members within the staff room through the use of staggered breaks, break out points etc. • Staff meetings should be held remotely or in small groups or in large spaces to facilitate physical distancing.



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Physical Distancing: Yard Supervision	5.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play time/outdoor activities adjusted to minimise crowding at the entrance and exits. • Yard divided out to facilitate different classroom/bubbles.
Ventilation	5.4	<p>School will fully comply with Department guidance on the practical steps for good ventilation in accordance with public health advice 'Practical Steps for the Deployment of Good Ventilation Practices in Schools'. (Nov 2020)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • windows will be open as fully as possible when classrooms are not in use (e.g., during break-times or lunch-times (assuming not in use) and also at the end of each school day) • windows will be partially open when classrooms are in use.
Masks	5.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cloth Masks are not recommended for children <13 • For Staff, masks/visors not required if physical distancing possible • Schools will provide medical grade masks in the EN14683 category to all SNAs and teachers in special classes and those staff by necessity that need to be in close and continued proximity with pupils with intimate care needs including School Bus Escorts. Our school is providing these masks to all staff and there is also a supply of FFP2 masks available to staff involved in close, intimate personal care and aerosol generating activities.
Gloves	5.5	Generally, not appropriate
Choir/Music performance	6	Well ventilated room and distancing
School Activities	6	Refer to HPSC guidelines



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Toys	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All toys should be cleaned on regular basis in accordance with guidelines. All play equipment checked regularly
Art		Pupils should have own supplies
Electronics		Shared devices should be cleaned between uses
Music Equipment		Should not be shared
Library Policy		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils should have own books. Shared books should be covered in a wipeable plastic cover. Hand hygiene should be performed after each use.
Shared Sports Equipment		Minimise equipment sharing and clean after every use.
School Cleaning once a day	7	Contract in place with Cleaning Corporation and cleaning schedules arranged.
In classroom	7	Staff to have access to all cleaning products & thoroughly clean & disinfect their work area before and after use every day. There is also a checklist for classroom cleaning
Room where a pupil/staff member with suspected Covid 19 was present	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cleaned as soon as possible Room should be vacated until thoroughly cleaned.
Dealing with a case	8	<p>Follow guidelines – copy in each classroom</p> <p>School staff will be encouraged to download the HSE COVID-19 tracker app to assist Public Health for contact tracing purposes both in and out of the school setting.</p>



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Isolation area	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GP Hall • Back up – Room at the back of the stage
Staff Duties	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not to return to or attend school in the event of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ if they live with someone who has symptoms of the virus ➤ If they have travelled outside of Ireland; in such instances staff are advised to consult and follow latest Government advice in relation to foreign travel. • Cooperate with any public health personnel and their school for contact tracing purposes and follow any public health advice given in the event of a case or outbreak in their school • Undergo any COVID-19 testing that maybe required in their school as part of mass or serial testing as advised by Public Health.
Employee Assistance Service	12	Staff advised that information has been updated in this section. See Employee Assistance Service for more information.