

Bunscoil na mBráithre Críostaí Aonach, Co Thiobraid Árann.

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# Plan for the re-opening of C.B.S Primary School Sept 2021

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- The school has a responsibility to ensure the safety, health and well-being of all members of our school community

   children, parents and staff. This plan has been formulated to better ensure that the school can exercise that duty
   of care.
- It is not possible to eliminate the risk of infection. However, with the co-operation of all members of our school
  community, it is possible to minimise the risk of the virus being introduced to school and the consequent risk of
  its spread.
- As well as co-operation, the flexibility and goodwill of all will be required to ensure the plan can be implemented.
- Within each class (bubble) from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes, the children will be further divided into pods (small groups), with a minimum distance of 1 metre being maintained between pods. There is no requirement for physical distancing in 2<sup>nd</sup> class but they will remain within their own bubble throughout the school day.
- Parents/Guardians should not under any circumstances send their child to school if they have a temperature, a
  cough of any kind, loss of smell/taste, shortness of breath, other uncommon symptoms of COVID-19, such as sore
  throat, headaches or diarrhoea. If your child is generally unwell please take a precautionary approach and keep
  him at home.
- Parents/Guardians of children who travelled to Ireland from another country within the past 14 days must follow
  government guidelines as per <a href="https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/77952-government-advice-on-international-travel/">https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/77952-government-advice-on-international-travel/</a> Children of any age, travelling with accompanying vaccinated or recovered adults will not be required to self-quarantine post arrival. However, where one accompanying adult needs to self-quarantine, then all children must also self-quarantine.

#### **Drop off Plan - Mornings**

- Supervision in school will start at 8.40am and boys will go straight to their classroom on arrival, with the exception of 2<sup>nd</sup> classes on week one.
- Children will not be permitted into the school prior to 8.40am.
- For the first week 2<sup>nd</sup> class boys will line up in the Junior yard. Thereafter 2<sup>nd</sup> classes will also go straight to their classroom once they are familiar with the routine.
- Classes will start at 8.50am
- All boys must use sanitiser entering the building. Sanitiser stations are located at each door and in all classrooms.
- Pupils are asked to enter the school using the Summerhill entrance and then enter the building through their designated door see below. There are 3 entrance doors to the school.
- <u>Under no circumstances are cars allowed into the school</u> and pupils are encouraged to walk/cycle to school.
- Parents of 2<sup>nd</sup> class boys may walk into the school yard with their son to their designated area on week one. All other boys are asked to walk in independently.
- No adults, other than staff members, should enter the school yard with the exception of 2<sup>nd</sup> class parents on week one.
- Messages for teachers can be sent via Aladdin, placed in your child's Homework Journal or by phoning the school office. Parents should not enter the school yard without permission due to current restrictions.

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#### **Entrance & Exit Points for Specific Classes**

Teacher	Class	Entrance & Exit Point	
Ms. Glennon	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Yard Door 1 Jnr Yard	
Ms. Sheary	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Yard Door 2 Jnr Yard	
Mr. Smith	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Yard Door 1 Jnr Yard	
Ms. Liston/Ms. Shanahan	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Yard Door 2 Jnr Yard	
Ms. Barry	4 <sup>th</sup>	Yard Door 2 Jnr Yard	
Ms. Maher	4 <sup>th</sup>	Front Door	
Ms. McCabe	5 <sup>th</sup>	Front Door	
Mr. Shine	5 <sup>th</sup>	Yard Door 1 Jnr Yard	
Mr. O' Sullivan	6 <sup>th</sup>	Yard Door 1 Jnr Yard	
Mr. Hayes	6 <sup>th</sup>	Yard Door 2 Jnr Yard	
Mr. Buckley	2 <sup>nd</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup>	With associated classes	

# **Collection Plan - Evenings**

- Adults, who are collecting their children from school at the end of the day should wait at the front of the school. Social distancing should be observed at all times.
- Teachers will bring their classes out to the front in an orderly fashion and you can then collect your child/children.
- Classes will be staggered finishing school to safely allow all families leave the school grounds.
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3rd classes will finish at 2.25pm
  - o 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes will finish at 2.30pm
- Classes will exit the building using the doors highlighted above.
- We would ask parents to park away from the school to avoid congestion at the main gate.
- Once parents/guardians collect their child/children they are asked to leave the school in a prompt manner.

#### **Break Times**

- The school is split into 2 groups with each group having different break times and lunch times.
- Groups are constituted of various classes from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>.
- All classes will have their own individual yard area. No mixing of classes (bubbles) is permitted. Boys will be able to engage in yard games as normal with cleaning procedures put in place for equipment used.
- Yards will be supervised by teachers and SNA's.

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Group A Group B

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Senior Yard	Senior Yard
10.30 – 10.45	10.55 – 11.10
12.30 – 12.55	1.05 – 1.30
Area 1 – Ms. Liston/Ms. Shanahan	Area 1 – Mr. Smith
Area 2 – Ms. Barry	Area 2 – Ms. Maher
Area 3 – Mr. O' Sullivan	Area 3 – Ms. McCabe
Area 4 – Mr. Hayes	Area 4 – Mr. Shine
Junior Yard	
10.30 – 10.45	
12.30 – 12.55	
Area 1 - Ms. Glennon	
Area 2 – Ms. Sheary	

# **Timetables**

- Pupils arrive from 8.40am
- All classes start at 8.50am

<u>Class</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Break</u>	<u>Lunch</u>	<u>Finish</u>	<u>Door</u>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ms. Glennon	10.30 – 10.45am	12.30-12.55pm	2.25pm	Yard Door 1 Jnr Yard
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ms. Sheary	10.30 – 10.45am	12.30-12.55pm	2.25pm	Yard Door 2 Jnr Yard
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mr. Smith	10.55 – 11.10am	1.05 -1.30pm	2.25pm	Yard Door 1 Jnr Yard
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ms. Liston/Ms. Shanahan	10.30 – 10.45am	12.30-12.55pm	2.25pm	Yard Door 2 Jnr Yard
4 <sup>th</sup>	Ms. Barry	10.30 – 10.45am	12.30-12.55pm	2.30pm	Yard Door 2 Jnr Yard
4 <sup>th</sup>	Ms. Maher	10.55 – 11.10am	1.05 -1.30pm	2.30pm	Front Door
5 <sup>th</sup>	Ms. McCabe	10.55 – 11.10am	1.05 -1.30pm	2.30pm	Front Door
5 <sup>th</sup>	Mr. Shine	10.55 – 11.10am	1.05 -1.30pm	2.30pm	Yard Door 1 Jnr Yard
6 <sup>th</sup>	Mr. Hayes	10.30 – 10.45am	12.30-12.55pm	2.30pm	Yard Door 2 Jnr Yard
6 <sup>th</sup>	Mr. O' Sullivan	10.30 – 10.45am	12.30-12.55pm	2.30pm	Yard Door 1 Jnr Yard

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#### Collection of Children during the School Day

If an adult has to collect a child during the course of the school day, the following arrangements will apply:

- When the adult arrives at the school, they should go to the office at the front door
- The child will be brought from their class to the adult by a member of staff
- The adult who is collecting will be asked to sign the child out
- No adult should enter the school building, unless invited to do so.

# Dealing with a suspected case of Covid-19

Pupils should not attend school if displaying any symptoms of Covid-19. If a pupil displays symptoms of Covid-19 while in the building, the following procedures will be implemented:

- Parents/guardians will be contacted immediately.
- The child will be accompanied to the designated isolation area by a member of staff. The staff member will remain at least 2 metres away from the symptomatic child and will also make sure that others maintain a distance of at least 2 metres from the symptomatic child at all times.
- A mask will be provided for the child presenting with symptoms.
- An assessment will be made as to whether the child who is displaying symptoms can immediately be brought home by parents and call their doctor and continue self-isolation at home.
- The school will facilitate the child presenting with symptoms to remain in isolation, if they cannot immediately go home, and will assist them by calling their GP.
- The child presenting with symptoms should be advised to cover their mouth and nose with the disposable tissue provided when they cough or sneeze and to put the tissue in the waste bag provided.
- If the child is well enough to go home, the school will arrange for them to be transported home by a family member, as soon as possible, and advise them to inform their GP by phone of their symptoms.
- If they are too unwell to go home or advice is required, the school will liaise with parents/guardians, and with permission, will contact 999 or 112 and inform them that the sick child is a Covid-19 suspect.
- Arrangements will be made for appropriate cleaning of the isolation area and work areas involved.

The HSE will inform any staff/parents who have come into close contact with a diagnosed case via the contact tracing process. The HSE will contact all relevant persons where a diagnosis of COVID-19 is made. The instructions of the HSE should be followed.

# Children should not attend school when they:

- have a temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or more
- have other common symptoms of COVID-19 a new cough, loss or changed sense of taste or smell, or shortness
  of breath
- have other uncommon symptoms of COVID-19, such as sore throat, headaches or diarrhoea.
- have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19
- live with someone who is unwell and may have COVID-19
- have arrived back into Ireland from certain countries check gov.ie for the latest travel advice
- are generally unwell



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#### Supporting the Learning of Children who cannot attend school

If a child is not able to attend school for an extended period of time, the class teacher (and/or the Special Education Teacher, where relevant) will provide suggested activities to support the child's learning at home.

# Impact of a Suspected or Confirmed Case of Covid-19 in a Class

If the school is notified that a person in your child's class has a suspected or confirmed case of Covid-19, parents will be notified and public health advice will be followed.

# **Shared Equipment**

By necessity, some classroom equipment needs to be shared including tablets, laptops and sporting equipment. Cleaning of such shared equipment with wipes or other cleaning products will take place at regular intervals to minimise the risk of the spread of infection.

#### **Special Education support**

In keeping with our Special Education policy, special education support will be provided by a blended approach of inclass support and withdrawal. The provision of support will be organised to ensure our support teachers will work within the confines of a bubble.

- Where a support teacher is working alongside a class teacher in a classroom, both teachers must be mindful of maintaining social distance from one another.
- Where children from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Class receive support in one of the SET rooms, social distancing of 1 metre will be maintained between each child in the group.
- The tables and chairs in SET rooms will be wiped clean in between different groups attending.

#### SNAs

SNAs will continue to work with children who have special needs within the school. SNAs will at all times work within Public Health guidelines for their safety and that of their pupils. SNAs will work within class bubbles on a day to day basis. As per guidelines the movement of staff between class bubbles will be limited as much as possible.

# **Face Coverings**

Staff will wear face coverings in line with government guidelines. Face coverings for children under the age of 13 are not recommended. However, if a parent/guardian wishes for their chid to wear a face covering they may do so. If your child is wearing a mask it must be suitable for the school environment and should not have any inappropriate patterns, logos, motifs or slogans.

#### **Teacher Absence and Substitution**

In the event that a teacher is unable to attend school, every effort will be made to secure a substitute teacher for the class. If a substitute teacher is not available, it is not appropriate for the class to be divided into groups and accommodated in other classes. In this scenario the school will follow the guidelines as set out by the Department of Education and Skills.



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#### P.E

Where possible, PE will take place outdoors and the use of shared equipment will be avoided unless absolutely necessary. All shared equipment will be cleaned down before being returned to the central resource area.

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# **Uniform and schoolbags**

- Boys should wear their school uniform as normal with families asked to pay particular attention to cleanliness on a daily basis. Teachers will advise when pupils should wear their P.E uniform.
- Boys should continue to bring their schoolbag to school as normal with families again asked to pay particular attention to cleanliness.

#### **Personal Equipment**

- In so far as possible, it is requested that children bring their own pens, pencils, colours, rubbers, etc., to school in their own pencil case to avoid the sharing of equipment.
- If pupils could have one pencil case for school and one for home it would greatly help with organisation.
- It is further requested that all items have the child's name on them for ease of identification.
- Boys are asked not to bring any personal property outside of school resources to school. E.g. footballs, trading cards, marbles, spinners etc...

The above guidelines are subject to review and will be changed as necessary.

We thank you for your co-operation and understanding and we look forward to welcoming you all back to school on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Should you have any concerns or queries please contact the school info@nenaghcbsp.ie