

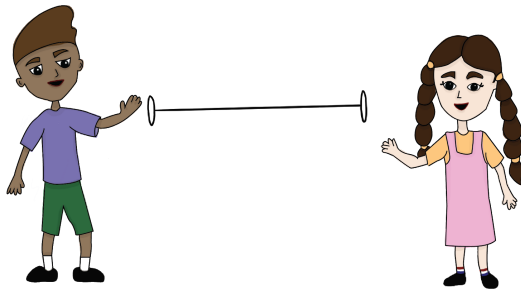


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*This is a working document. It will be reviewed regularly and measures will remain in place only as long as is necessary. It is likely that aspects may change as the situation evolves.*

**The best way to prevent the spread of Covid 19 in a school is to minimise the risk of introduction of the disease into the school setting in the first place.”  
 (Covid Response Plan, p.7)**

**Physical Distancing**



**Increasing separation:**

Classrooms have been emptied of non-essential equipment and tables reconfigured to maximise space.

Pupils from infants- 2nd are not expected to physically distance. A 1m distance will be maintained between older pupils, insofar as possible.

**Decreasing interactions:**

Every class in the school will be a **class bubble**. This bubble will remain together all day and not interact with any other bubble. Support staff and SNAs interact with a limited number of bubbles.

Within each class, as an additional precautionary measure, the class will be subdivided into **pods** (small groups). 1m distance will be maintained between pods whenever possible.

Yard times will be staggered and each class bubble will remain in their designated zone and can only play with others in their class bubble.


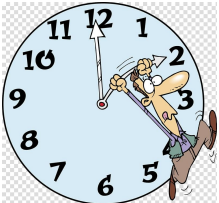


**Respiratory Techniques**



Pupils will be regularly reminded of safe respiratory techniques. They will be asked to cough and sneeze into their elbow or a tissue. Tissues that have been used must be disposed of in the designated bins which have been placed in every room.







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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hand Hygiene</b></p> 	<p>Pupils will be expected to perform hand hygiene:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● On arrival to school</li> <li>● Before eating or drinking</li> <li>● After using the toilet</li> <li>● After playing outdoors</li> <li>● When their hands are physically dirty</li> <li>● When they sneeze or cough</li> </ul> <p>New mixer taps have been installed in every classroom. Hand sanitisers are available at every entrance point and within each pod in every classroom.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Entry/Exit Times</b></p> 	<p>Entry and exit times have been staggered. Pupils can arrive <b>at any time</b> within their time slot of 8:30-8:50 or 8:50-9:10. Siblings who have been assigned separate entry times can time their arrival for the end of the first session/ start of the second session so that families can arrive together.</p>
	<p>Coloured feet templates have been painted a metre apart at the external doors. The children will not line up in class groups as they have done in the past. Instead, they are asked to stand at the next available set of feet at their designated entry door and move forward as directed to the hand sanitising stations inside the doors.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sharing Items</b></p> 	<p>Each child will remain at the same workstation (table/chair) each day and during the day. Sharing of items will be minimised.</p> <p><u>Stationery</u> will be purchased by the school for each pupil in school.</p> <p><u>Books</u> from the school's shared book scheme, will be assigned per child and be used by that child only.</p>



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	<p>Art equipment will be assigned per child or quarantined for 72 hours before use by another pupil. Toys will be assigned per pod and will be cleaned before swapping to a new pod.</p> <p>Hands must be sanitised before and after using shared i-pads and earphones. Shared technology will be cleaned before and after use.</p>
<p><b>Items coming in and out of school</b></p> 	<p>Pupils need only bring a water bottle and lunch box to school. A small bottle of sanitiser is recommended from first class upwards. In order to minimise items coming in and out of school (and to help everyone settle back to school life), there will be no homework for the month of September</p>
<p><b>Cleaning</b></p> 	<p>Additional cleaning measures have been put in place in the school. Pupils may be asked to clean their own table, chair and resources. Every classroom has been supplied with cleaning materials for day to day cleaning of work stations.</p>
<p><b>Extra curricular activities</b></p> 	<p>There will be no extra curricular activities running in the school until after Hallowe'en, at the earliest, in order to avoid mixing between class bubbles.</p>
<p><b>PPE</b></p> 	<p>Use of PPE (face masks) is not recommended for pupils under 13. Government advice changed recently with regard to staff wearing PPE All staff are now recommended to wear PPE (facemask/visor) where a distance of 2m cannot be maintained from others .</p>