

Updated Risk Assessments to Minimise the Risk of Being Exposed to COVID-19

The process involved consultation with all school staff.

Methodology used for hazard identification and control

In line with the requirements of Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005 (section 19) it is the policy of the BoM in St. Thomas' Senior National School to address significant hazards and risks in the workplace, to assess the risks to safety, health and welfare and to control these risks as far as is reasonably practicable.

The Board is committed to the ongoing identification of hazards, the assessment of the appropriate risks and the introduction of controls to deal with them. In addition, staff are involved and participate in safety, health and welfare issues within the school and are encouraged to identify and report any potential hazards that may exist and to ensure that a risk assessment is carried out.

This revised Risk Assessment includes all relevant updates and necessary control measures to minimise the risk of staff and others being exposed to Covid-19 and these will be incorporated into the Safety Statement for St. Thomas' Senior National School in line with requirements of section 20 of the 2005 Act.

It is envisaged that additional reviews will be undertaken on a regular basis and in line with Government and public health advice to ensure that all information remains accurate, that controls are appropriate and where necessary risks are reassessed.

A **hazard** is anything with the potential to cause harm to the safety, health or welfare of staff, students, visitors and contractors – a wet or slippery floor, an unguarded machine, stressful work, a blocked entrance, hazardous chemicals etc. Hazards may be classified as physical, chemical, biological, environmental or human.

A **risk** is the likelihood that someone will be harmed by a hazard and the severity of that harm.

Control measures:

A control measure is an applied measure that reduces the level of risk. Control measures can be applied at the planning stage, can comprise physical measures, can be management issues and can include training. Good control measures will require a combination of some or all of these.

Control measure principles:

Schedule 3 of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005 lists the Principles of Prevention and the Board of Management undertakes to apply these principles (where practicable) in dealing with all risks within the school:

- Avoidance of risks
- Evaluation of unavoidable risks
- Combating of risks at source
- Adaptation of work to the individual
- Adaptation of workplace to technical progress
- Replacement of dangerous articles, substances or systems of work by safe or less dangerous articles, substances or systems of work
- Priority to collective protective measures over individual protective measures
- Development of an adequate prevention policy which takes account of technology, organisation of work, working conditions, physical factors and the influence of factors relating to the working environment
- Appropriate training and instructions to employees.

When the safety audit identifies hazards, it is necessary to evaluate and rank them so that they can be controlled in an orderly way. The risk of a hazard is a measure of the likelihood or probability of an accident coupled with the severity of the injury or loss. The risk potential of each hazard was assessed (by ranking) by giving numerical values of between 1 and 5 to both the **severity** of the consequences and the **probability** of the event occurring. When the severity numerical factor and the probability numerical factor were multiplied together, they produced a number between 1 and 25 thereby producing the numerical values outlined in **risk rating** chart below.

Severity x Probability = Risk Rating

Severity

Severity Rating	Interpretation	Numerical Value
Fatality or Catastrophic	Single or multiple fatalities, widespread illness, large scale property or equipment damage	5
Major	Serious injury or illness, significant property or equipment damage	4
Moderate	Injury and damage to property	3
Minor	Minor injury or illness, minor property or equipment damage	2
Trivial	No significant injury or illness, no significant property or equipment damage	1

Probability/Likelihood

Probability Rating	Interpretation	Numerical Value
Inevitable	Likely to occur either immediately or in the short term	5
Very Likely	Could occur in time or if repeated enough	4
Likely	Likely to occur	3
Unlikely	Though unlikely, may occur over time	2
Rare	Unlikely to occur at all	1

Risk Rating

Numerical Value Severity x Probability	Descriptive risk rating	Interpretation
16 – 25	<p style="text-align: center;">Emergency – Extremely serious</p> <p>If an incident were to occur, it would be likely that a permanent, debilitating injury or death would result</p>	<p>Risks are unacceptable and immediate action required justifying special maintenance. Activity should be halted and stopped until the hazard is eliminated or appropriate risk controls are put in place.</p>
11 – 15	<p style="text-align: center;">Severe and Serious</p> <p>If an incident were to occur, it would be likely that an injury requiring medical treatment would result.</p>	<p>Activity can proceed but substantial efforts should be made to reduce the risk. Risk reduction measures should be implemented urgently within a defined time period and it might be necessary to consider suspending or restricting the activity or to apply interim control measures until this has been completed.</p>
6 – 10	<p style="text-align: center;">Medium</p> <p>If an incident were to occur, there would be some chance that an injury requiring First Aid treatment would result</p>	<p>Activity can proceed but consideration should be given as to whether the risks can be lowered. Control measures must be monitored and reviewed as required to ensure they remain suitable and sufficient.</p>
1 – 5	<p style="text-align: center;">Trivial or Negligible</p> <p>If an incident were to occur, there would be little likelihood that an injury would result</p>	<p>No additional controls are necessary as these risks are considered acceptable. Activity should be regularly reviewed to ensure there is no change to the risk rating and that controls are maintained.</p>

***Note:** A numerical rating has been used in column 4 of the risk assessment sheets to describe the risk potential for the hazard identified This method has been used in an attempt to ensure that the levels of risk will be understood and clear to all those operating within the school.

COVID- 19 Policy Statement

St. Thomas' Senior National School is committed to providing a safe and healthy workplace for all our staff and students. To ensure that, the Board of Management have developed a Covid-19 Response Plan and updated the Safety Statement for the school. All staff and pupils are responsible for the implementation of the response plan and a combined effort will help contain the spread of the virus. The Board of Management will:

- continue to monitor our Covid-19 response and amend this plan in consultation with our staff, pupils and parents/guardians
- provide up to date information to our staff, pupils and parents/guardians 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
- provide an adequate number of trained Worker Representative(s) who are easily identifiable and put in place a reporting system
- inform all staff and pupils of essential hygiene and respiratory etiquette and physical distancing requirements
- adapt the school to facilitate physical distancing as appropriate in line with guidance of the Department of Education and Skills
- keep a log of contact of staff and pupil engagement to help with contact tracing
- ensure staff and pupils engage with the online induction/familiarisation briefing provided by the Department of Education and Skills
- 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 pupils to follow if they develop signs and symptoms of Covid-19 during school time in line with the procedures provided by the Department of Education and Skills
- implement cleaning in line with government advice and agreed checklists

All staff, pupils and parents/guardians will be consulted on an ongoing basis and feedback is encouraged on any concerns, issues or suggestions.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Principal

Who may be affected?	Identified Risks	Risk Communication, Education and Training Controls	Risk Rating with controls	Action implementation
Staff	<p>Spread of Covid-19 virus</p> <p>Persons currently deemed most at risk of complications if they catch the coronavirus are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 years of age and over • have long-term medical conditions – i.e. heart disease, lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer • pregnant women <p>Known effects of the coronavirus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fever (high temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above) • A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry cough • Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties • Loss of sense of smell • Loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste • Death 	<p>The Board of Management will develop a response plan for the prevention and mitigation of Covid-19 following a risk assessment of the school facility. This plan will highlight the measures necessary to protect the health and safety of staff in re-opening and modifying the work arrangements within the school.</p> <p>The staff representative(s) will be properly consulted when developing and implementing the action plan for the prevention and mitigation of Covid-19 within the school and all staff will be informed about the measures being introduced, using specific risk communication and staff engagement approaches.</p> <p>The Board of Management will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Ensure that all staff complete the “Return to Work” form 3 days prior to returning to the school building ✓ Ensure that all staff receive necessary training prior to returning to work ✓ Provide posters, information and electronic message boards to increase awareness of Covid-19 among staff and pupils ✓ Promote safe individual practices within the school campus ✓ Engage with staff in providing feedback on the preventive measures and their effectiveness ✓ Provide regular information about the risk of Covid-19 using official sources, such as government agencies (HSE, HSA, etc.) and the World Health Organisation ✓ Emphasise the effectiveness of adopting protective measures especially good personal hygiene ✓ Provide specific training in the proper use of PPE for staff where required ✓ Provide face coverings - Face shields and disposable masks to all staff 	Negligible	Board of Management Principal Staff
<u>Risk Level Calculation</u> (a) Severity of risk/injury 1=trivial, 2=slight, 3=moderate, 4=major, 5=fatality (b) Likelihood of event 1=rare, 2=unlikely, 3=likely, 4=very likely, 5=inevitable (c) Risk Rating = (a) X (b)		<u>Risk Level Action</u> 1-5 Trivial risk Acceptable 6-10 Medium risk Requires monitoring 11-15 Severe risk Requires immediate further action and control 16-25 Emergency risk Halt activity and review immediately		
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Who may be affected?	Identified Risks	<p style="text-align: center;">Hygiene</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Controls</p>	Risk Rating with controls	Action implementation
<p>All staff Pupils Visitors Contractors Public</p>	<p>Spread of Covid-19 virus</p> <p>Persons currently deemed most at risk of complications if they catch the coronavirus are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 years of age and over • have long-term medical conditions – i.e. heart disease, lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer • pregnant women <p>Known effects of the coronavirus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fever (high temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above) • A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry cough • Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties • Loss of sense of smell • Loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste • Death 	<p>The BoM will ensure that all staff / pupils can wash their hands regularly. Warm water, soap and appropriate sanitisers (i.e. hand gel dispensers, etc.) will be available throughout the school. Pupils and staff should perform hand hygiene:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • After providing First Aid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Cover their mouth and nose with a tissue or their sleeve when coughing and sneezing. ✓ Put used tissues into a bin and wash their hands ✓ Develop a routine of increased cleaning and disinfecting of frequently touched objects and surfaces <p>The BoM will supply required cleaning products, will ensure the correct use and storage of disinfectants and will ensure all products are stored safely and securely.</p> <p>No employees are permitted to attend work if they display any of the symptoms below: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Fever (temperature of 37.5 degrees or above) ✓ Cough ✓ Shortness of breath ✓ Breathing difficulties 	<p>Requires monitoring</p>	<p>Board of Management Principal Staff Visitors</p>
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Who may be affected?	Identified Risks	<p style="text-align: center;">Cleaning</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Controls</p>	Risk Rating with controls	Action implementation
Staff especially cleaning staff	<p>Spread of Covid-19 virus</p> <p>Persons currently deemed most at risk of complications if they catch the coronavirus are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 years of age and over • have long-term medical conditions – i.e. heart disease, lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer • pregnant women <p>Known effects of the coronavirus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fever (high temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above) • A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry cough • Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties • Loss of sense of smell • Loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste • Death 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ All cleaning will be undertaken in line with DES and public health guidance. ✓ Staff are responsible for cleaning personal items that have been brought to work and items handled at work or during breaks. Staff advised to clean personal items that they have bring to work (e.g. mobile phones) and to avoid leaving them down on communal surfaces or they will need to clean the surface after the personal item is removed ✓ Extra cleaning will be available during the day to clean commonly touched areas e.g door handles, sinks, toilets ✓ Number of hours cleaning has increased by an additional 6 hours daily ✓ Cleaning staff have been trained in the new cleaning arrangements for the school ✓ Sufficient cleaning materials and PPE will be available to allow for increased cleaning ✓ Cleaning staff will be instructed to wear gloves when cleaning and are aware of the need to wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water, both before and after wearing gloves ✓ System in place for the disposable of cleaning cloths and used wipes in a rubbish bag Current HSE guidance recommends waste such as cleaning waste, tissues etc. from a person suspected of having Covid-19 should be double bagged and stored in a secure area for 72 hours before being presented for general waste collection ✓ System in place to make sure reusable cleaning equipment including mop heads and non-disposable cloths are clean before re-use ✓ System in place to ensure that equipment such as buckets are emptied and cleaned with a fresh solution of disinfectant before re-use 	Requires monitoring	Board of Management Principal Staff

Who may be affected?	Identified Risks	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Office and Staff Room</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Controls</p>	Risk Rating with controls	Action implementation
Staff	<p>Spread of Covid-19 virus</p> <p>Persons currently deemed most at risk of complications if they catch the coronavirus are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 years of age and over • have long-term medical conditions – i.e. heart disease, lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer • pregnant women <p>Known effects of the coronavirus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fever (high temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above) • A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry cough • Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties • Loss of sense of smell • Loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste • Death 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Secretary's office limited to the school secretary ✓ The number of employees permitted to work in an office at any particular time shall be limited to one as a necessary control measure to protect health and safety. ✓ Communication from parents with school secretary to be done by phone or e mail ✓ Staff communication with the office staff is done at the door, by phone, e mail or Microsoft Teams ✓ Perspex has been placed at office window and a counter placed at the door ✓ All seating has been removed from front lobby and outside secretary's office ✓ Maximum number of people in the Principal's office is three including the principal as far as possible. ✓ Covid 19 etiquette (2m physical distancing, sanitizer use, etc) measures to be adhered to at all times. <p>Staffroom:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Staff must sanitize hands on entry to staff room ✓ Kitchen is accessible in the mornings only for staff to avail of hot water only. Burco, microwave and fridge available ✓ Staff room is out of bounds in the morning and after school ✓ Rooms have been reassigned to use as staff room/s ✓ The staffroom layout has been reconfigured to maximise usage while maintaining required physical distancing. ✓ Breaks have been staggered. ✓ All staff should follow hand hygiene protocol on entry and exit of staffroom ✓ Those in the high risk category may wish to remain in their own rooms. ✓ Staff use their own utensils. Staff should bring all requisites for lunch into school and home from school each day. This includes all food and utensils. Staff are not to wash their utensils after use. ✓ Maximum numbers of staff in the staffroom is 16 	Requires monitoring	Board of Management Principal Administration staff
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Who may be affected?	Identified Risks	<p style="text-align: center;">Use of PPE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Controls</p>	Risk Rating with controls	Action implementation
Staff	<p>Spread of Covid-19 virus</p> <p>Persons currently deemed most at risk of complications if they catch the coronavirus are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 years of age and over • have long-term medical conditions – i.e. heart disease, lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer • pregnant women <p>Known effects of the coronavirus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fever (high temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above) • A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry cough • Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties • Loss of sense of smell • Loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste • Death 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Staff have been provided with PPE and training in the correct use of PPE ✓ PPE needs to be consistently and properly worn when required. In addition, it must be regularly inspected, cleaned, maintained and replaced as necessary. ✓ Current general guidance from the HSE in relation to the wearing of face coverings, masks and gloves is available at the following Link: https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/face-masks-disposable-gloves.html ✓ Face coverings will be provided to all staff members to be worn when 2 metre distance cannot be maintained or when outside of the classroom ✓ Gloves are not required generally within the workplace for infection prevention and control purposes according to current guidance. Due to the risks associated with the usage of gloves, the Board of Management will not be providing gloves to staff for general use. ✓ Face coverings are not recommended to be worn by children under 13 years. 	Requires monitoring	Board of Management Principal Staff
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Staff (particularly SNAs, school secretaries and school book rental co-ordinator)	<p>Spread of Covid-19 virus</p> <p>Persons currently deemed most at risk of complications if they catch the coronavirus are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 years of age and over • have long-term medical conditions – i.e. heart disease, lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer • pregnant women <p>Known effects of the coronavirus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fever (high temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above) • A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry cough • Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties • Loss of sense of smell • Loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste • Death 	<p>The Board of Management has to prepare for the return of school books (book rental scheme) and other resource materials (including IT equipment) so that these will be available to pupils for the start of the new school year. The following guidelines are recommended for staff when receiving or assisting in compiling resource packs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Maintain physical distancing (currently 2 metres) ✓ Observe good hygiene (hand washing and respiratory etiquette, do not touch your eyes, nose, mouth with unwashed hands, etc.) before and after handling books and other materials returned to the school ✓ Follow the agreed school protocols if you are displaying symptoms of Covid-19 ✓ Any books or other items (resource packs, computers, etc.) being returned to the school should be quarantined for 72 hours. Quarantining means placing these items in sealed boxes that are labelled with the time and date of the start of the 72-hour quarantine period. These boxes should be stored in a separate location away from active work areas within the school ✓ All pupils will be provided with their own set of books, copies and art supplies ✓ Following the expiry of the 72-hour quarantine period the items may be unboxed, cleaned and prepared for the next school year ✓ Hands should be washed in line with relevant guidance 	Requires monitoring	Board of Management Principal Staff
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Who may be affected?	Identified Risks	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Using Hand Tools or Equipment</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Controls</p>	Risk Rating with controls	Action implementation
<p>All staff</p>	<p>Spread of Covid-19 virus</p> <p>Persons currently deemed most at risk of complications if they catch the coronavirus are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 years of age and over • have long-term medical conditions – i.e. heart disease, lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer • pregnant women <p>Known effects of the coronavirus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fever (high temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above) • A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry cough • Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties • Loss of sense of smell • Loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste • Death 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Staff must wear the appropriate PPE for the nature of the work being undertaken ✓ All tools and equipment must be sanitised properly to prevent cross contamination ✓ Arrangements should be put in place for one individual to use the same tool, equipment and machinery as far as is reasonably practicable ✓ Cleaning material will be available so that all tools can be wiped down with disinfectant between each use ✓ All mobile machinery (including lawnmowers) must be thoroughly cleaned and sanitised prior to use <p>IT equipment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Trolley collected and returned by an adult to the library each day ✓ Shared electronic devices are wiped down after use. ✓ SNA to monitor children with assistive technology, sanitise and clean equipment regularly. ✓ Shared electronic devices should be brought to the next room by an adult and left outside the room. ✓ Teachers work collaboratively on a timetable that reduces movement throughout the school day. <p>PE Equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ PE will take place outside. ✓ Each class will be provided with a set of PE equipment. ✓ Shared equipment should be cleaned after use. ✓ Activities in term 1 are primarily outdoors- Athletics/Gaelic/Soccer drills/ games that are primarily non-contact and require minimal equipment. ✓ Teachers to work collaboratively on suggested non contact games. ✓ PE yearly plan to be redrafted and circulated to staff. 	<p>Requires monitoring</p>	<p>Board of Management Principal Staff</p>
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Who may be affected?	Identified Risks	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Dealing with a Suspected Case of Covid-19</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Controls</p>	Risk Rating with controls	Action implementation
Staff Pupils Visitors Contractors	<p>Spread of Covid-19 virus</p> <p>Persons currently deemed most at risk of complications if they catch the coronavirus are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 years of age and over • have long-term medical conditions – i.e. heart disease, lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer • pregnant women <p>Known effects of the coronavirus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fever (high temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above) • A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry cough • Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties • Loss of sense of smell • Loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste • Death 	<p>The Board of Management will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Have a designated isolation area available within the school building ✓ The designated area and the route to the designated area should be easily accessible and as far as is reasonable and practicable, should be accessible by people with disabilities. The possibility of having more than one person displaying signs of Covid-19 needs to be considered so having additional isolation areas available or another contingency plan for dealing with additional cases must be planned. It would be important that the designated area has the ability to isolate the person behind a closed door and away from other workers ✓ A teacher will bring the child to the COVID Isolation room and remain with them until collected <p>If a person displays symptoms of Covid-19 the following procedure is to be implemented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Isolate the person and have a procedure in place to accompany the individual to the designated isolation area via the isolation route, keeping at least 2 metres away from the symptomatic person and also making sure that others maintain a distance of at least 2 metres from the symptomatic person at all times. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Requires monitoring</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Board of Management Principal Staff</p>
<p><u>Risk Level Calculation</u></p> <p>(a) Severity of risk/injury 1=trivial, 2=slight, 3=moderate, 4=major, 5=fatality</p> <p>(b) Likelihood of event 1=rare, 2=unlikely, 3=likely, 4=very likely, 5=inevitable</p> <p>(c) Risk Rating = (a) X (b)</p>		<p><u>Risk Level Action</u></p> <p>1-5 Trivial risk Acceptable</p> <p>6-10 Medium risk Requires monitoring</p> <p>11-15 Severe risk Requires immediate further action and control</p> <p>16-25 Emergency risk Halt activity and review immediately</p>		
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Staff Pupils Visitors Contractors	<p>Spread of Covid-19 virus</p> <p>Persons currently deemed most at risk of complications if they catch the coronavirus are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 years of age and over • have long-term medical conditions – i.e. heart disease, lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer • pregnant women <p>Known effects of the coronavirus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fever (high temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above) • A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry cough • Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties • Loss of sense of smell • Loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste • Death 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Provide a mask for the person presenting with symptoms if one is available. He/she should wear the mask if in a common area with other people or while exiting the premises. ✓ Facilitate the person presenting with symptoms remaining in isolation if they cannot immediately go home and facilitate them calling their doctor. The individual should avoid touching people, surfaces and objects as far as possible. Advice should be given to the person presenting with symptoms to cover their mouth and nose with the disposable tissue provided when they cough or sneeze and put the tissue in the waste bag provided. ✓ If the person is well enough to go home, arrange for them to be collected and brought home by a family member, as soon as possible and advise them to inform their general practitioner by phone of their symptoms. Public transport of any kind should not be used. ✓ If they are too unwell to go home or advice is required, contact 999 or 112 and inform them that the sick person is a Covid-19 suspect. ✓ Carry out an assessment of the incident which will form part of determining follow-up actions and recovery. ✓ Arrange for appropriate cleaning of the isolation area and work areas involved. ✓ The adult that accompanies the child to the isolation room should complete a record form (available in the isolation room) and return it to the office. 	Requires monitoring	Board of Management Principal Staff
<u>Risk Level Calculation</u> (a) Severity of risk/injury 1=trivial, 2=slight, 3=moderate, 4=major, 5=fatality (b) Likelihood of event 1=rare, 2=unlikely, 3=likely, 4=very likely, 5=inevitable (c) Risk Rating = (a) X (b)		<u>Risk Level Action</u> 1-5 Trivial risk Acceptable 6-10 Medium risk Requires monitoring 11-15 Severe risk Requires immediate further action and control 16-25 Emergency risk Halt activity and review immediately		
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Who may be affected?	Identified Risks	<p style="text-align: center;">Covid-19 Cleaning</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Controls</p>	Risk Rating with controls	Action implementation
<p>Staff Pupils Visitors</p>	<p>Spread of Covid-19 virus</p> <p>Persons currently deemed most at risk of complications if they catch the coronavirus are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 years of age and over • have long-term medical conditions – i.e. heart disease, lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer • pregnant women <p>Known effects of the coronavirus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fever (high temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above) • A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry cough • Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties • Loss of sense of smell • Loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste • Death 	<p>All cleaning will be undertaken in line with DES and public health guidance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The room will be cleaned as soon as practicably possible. ✓ Once the room is vacated the room should not be reused until the room has been thoroughly cleaned and disinfected and all surfaces are dry. ✓ Disinfection only works on things that are clean. When disinfection is required it is always as well as cleaning. ✓ Person assigned to cleaning should avoid touching their face while they are cleaning and should wear household gloves and a plastic apron. ✓ Clean the environment and furniture using disposable cleaning cloths and a household detergent followed by disinfection with a chlorine based product (household bleach). ✓ Pay special attention to frequently touched surfaces, the back of chairs, couches, door handles and any surfaces that are visibly soiled with body fluids. ✓ Once the room has been cleaned and disinfected and all surfaces are dry, the room can be reused. ✓ If a pupil or staff diagnosed with COVID-19 spent time in a communal area like a canteen, play area or if they used the toilet or bathroom facilities, then the areas should be cleaned with household detergent followed by a disinfectant (as outlined in the HPSC interim health advice) as soon as is practicably possible. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Serious</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Requires monitoring</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Board of Management Principal Cleaning staff</p>
<p><u>Risk Level Calculation</u></p> <p>(a) Severity of risk/injury 1=trivial, 2=slight, 3=moderate, 4=major, 5=fatality</p> <p>(b) Likelihood of event 1=rare, 2=unlikely, 3=likely, 4=very likely, 5=inevitable</p> <p>(c) Risk Rating = (a) X (b)</p>		<p><u>Risk Level Action</u></p> <p>1-5 Trivial risk Acceptable</p> <p>6-10 Medium risk Requires monitoring</p> <p>11-15 Severe risk Requires immediate further action and control</p> <p>16-25 Emergency risk Halt activity and review immediately</p>		
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Who may be affected?	Identified Risks	<p style="text-align: center;">Cleaning a Space with a Suspected/Confirmed Case of Covid-19</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Controls</p>	Risk Rating with controls	Action implementation
<p style="text-align: center;">Staff Pupils Visitors</p>	<p>Spread of Covid-19 virus</p> <p>Persons currently deemed most at risk of complications if they catch the coronavirus are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 years of age and over • have long-term medical conditions – i.e. heart disease, lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer • pregnant women <p>Known effects of the coronavirus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fever (high temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above) • A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry cough • Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties • Loss of sense of smell • Loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste • Death 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ All cleaning will be undertaken in line with DES and public health guidance. ✓ Use disposable cloths or paper roll and disposable mop heads to clean all hard surfaces, floors, chairs, door handles and sanitary fittings, using an approved and recognised detergent and disinfectant in line with the manufacturer’s instructions for dilution, application and contact times ✓ Disinfectants used should be effective against viruses. <p>Additionally:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Avoid creating splashes and spray when cleaning. ✓ Any items that have been heavily contaminated with bodyfluids and that cannot be cleaned by washing should be disposed of 	<p style="text-align: center;">Serious</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Requires monitoring</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Board of Management Principal Cleaning staff</p>
<p>Risk Level Calculation</p> <p>(a) Severity of risk/injury 1=trivial, 2=slight, 3=moderate, 4=major, 5=fatality</p> <p>(b) Likelihood of event 1=rare, 2=unlikely, 3=likely, 4=very likely, 5=inevitable</p> <p>(c) Risk Rating = (a) X (b)</p>		<p>Risk Level Action</p> <p>1-5 Trivial risk Acceptable</p> <p>6-10 Medium risk Requires monitoring</p> <p>11-15 Severe risk Requires immediate further action and control</p> <p>16-25 Emergency risk Halt activity and review immediately</p>		
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Who may be affected?	Identified Risks	Cleaning a Space with a Suspected/Confirmed Case of Covid-19 (continued)		Risk Rating with controls	Action implementation
		Controls			
Staff Pupils Visitors	<p>Spread of Covid-19 virus</p> <p>Persons currently deemed most at risk of complications if they catch the coronavirus are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 years of age and over • have long-term medical conditions – i.e. heart disease, lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer • pregnant women <p>Known effects of the coronavirus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fever (high temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above) • A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry cough • Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties • Loss of sense of smell • Loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste • Death 	<p>Cloths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Wash items in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions. Use the warmest water setting and dry items completely. <p>Waste Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Waste should be put in a plastic rubbish bag and tied when full ✓ The plastic bag should then be placed in a second bin bag and tied ✓ It should be put in a suitable and secure place and marked for storage until the individual’s test results are known 		<p>Serious</p> <p>Requires monitoring</p>	<p>Board of Management Principal Cleaning staff</p>
<p><u>Risk Level Calculation</u></p> <p>(a) Severity of risk/injury 1=trivial, 2=slight, 3=moderate, 4=major, 5=fatality</p> <p>(b) Likelihood of event 1=rare, 2=unlikely, 3=likely, 4=very likely, 5=inevitable</p> <p>(c) Risk Rating = (a) X (b)</p>		<p><u>Risk Level Action</u></p> <p>1-5 Trivial risk Acceptable</p> <p>6-10 Medium risk Requires monitoring</p> <p>11-15 Severe risk Requires immediate further action and control</p> <p>16-25 Emergency risk Halt activity and review immediately</p>			
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Who may be affected?	Identified Risks	Pupils Entering and Exiting the School		Risk Rating with controls	Action implementation
		Controls			
<p>Staff Pupils Parents/guardians Bus and taxi drivers Wider Community</p>	<p>Spread of Covid-19 virus</p> <p>Persons currently deemed most at risk of complications if they catch the coronavirus are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 years of age and over • have long-term medical conditions – i.e. heart disease, lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer • pregnant women <p>Known effects of the coronavirus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fever (high temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above) • A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry cough • Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties • Loss of sense of smell • Loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste • Death 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Arrangements for pupils entering and exiting from the school facility will be organised to maintain, as far as is reasonably practicable, a safe physical distance between drivers/parents/guardians and all school staff. ✓ COVID-19 signage will be displayed to encourage physical distancing for parents if on the school grounds. ✓ Staggered opening times have been arranged. ✓ Parents are requested not to come onto the school grounds unless absolutely essential. An exception may be made for some pupils with additional needs. ✓ Pupil should enter the school grounds at the designated times (8.50 for 4th/6th class and 9.00 for 3rd/5th class). ✓ Pupils will line up in yard until collected by their teacher at the allotted time. ✓ Staff including teachers and SNAs will be on duty in the school grounds to supervise the arrival and departure of pupils. ✓ Where pupils with additional needs are dropped off and picked up by a private taxi, the accompanying adult should remain in the car/bus with the pupil. A designated staff member will come to the car/bus to receive the pupil and will avoid or limit physical contact with the accompanying adult (if applicable) ✓ Class teachers will accompany their pupils to the designated exit door at home time and additional staff will supervise the pupils on the yard. 		Requires monitoring	<p>Board of Management Principal Staff Bus and taxi drivers</p>
<p><u>Risk Level Calculation</u></p> <p>(a) Severity of risk/injury 1=trivial, 2=slight, 3=moderate, 4=major, 5=fatality</p> <p>(b) Likelihood of event 1=rare, 2=unlikely, 3=likely, 4=very likely, 5=inevitable</p> <p>(c) Risk Rating = (a) X (b)</p>		<p><u>Risk Level Action</u></p> <p>1-5 Trivial risk Acceptable</p> <p>6-10 Medium risk Requires monitoring</p> <p>11-15 Severe risk Requires immediate further action and control</p> <p>16-25 Emergency risk Halt activity and review immediately</p>			
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Who may be affected?	Identified Risks	Visitors to School		Risk Rating with controls	Action implementation
		Controls			
<p>Staff Pupils Wider Community</p>	<p>Spread of Covid-19 virus</p> <p>Persons currently deemed most at risk of complications if they catch the coronavirus are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 years of age and over • have long-term medical conditions – i.e. heart disease, lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer • pregnant women <p>Known effects of the coronavirus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fever (high temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above) • A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry cough • Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties • Loss of sense of smell • Loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste • Death 	<p>The Board of Management will ensure the safety and wellbeing of all visitors to the school premises.</p> <p>Visits to the school will be severely restricted and visitors will be asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Make a prior appointment before visiting the school ✓ Remain at home if they have any Covid-19 symptoms ✓ Follow the agreed Covid-19 protocols for the school ✓ Sanitisers are available in the lobby ✓ Wear PPE if requested ✓ Visitors will complete Contact Tracing Log before they leave the school building ✓ Adhere to physical distancing requirements ✓ Avoid loitering – complete their business and leave premises 		Requires monitoring	Board of Management Principal
<p><u>Risk Level Calculation</u></p> <p>(a) Severity of risk/injury 1=trivial, 2=slight, 3=moderate, 4=major, 5=fatality</p> <p>(b) Likelihood of event 1=rare, 2=unlikely, 3=likely, 4=very likely, 5=inevitable</p> <p>(c) Risk Rating = (a) X (b)</p>		<p><u>Risk Level Action</u></p> <p>1-5 Trivial risk Acceptable</p> <p>6-10 Medium risk Requires monitoring</p> <p>11-15 Severe risk Requires immediate further action and control</p> <p>16-25 Emergency risk Halt activity and review immediately</p>			
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Who may be affected?	Identified Risks	Management of Deliveries and Supplies to School		Risk Rating with controls	Action implementation
		Controls			
<p>Staff Pupils Drivers Wider Community</p>	<p>Spread of Covid-19 virus</p> <p>Persons currently deemed most at risk of complications if they catch the coronavirus are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 years of age and over • have long-term medical conditions – i.e. heart disease, lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer • pregnant women <p>Known effects of the coronavirus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fever (high temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above) • A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry cough • Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties • Loss of sense of smell • Loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste • Death 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ All drivers drop and go. ✓ Ensure that all delivery transactions comply with physical distancing requirements. ✓ Appropriate sanitising arrangements at set down areas (for materials and stock) and at access and egress points. ✓ No personal online deliveries to the school. 		Requires monitoring	<p>Board of Management Principal Staff Delivery personnel</p>
<p><u>Risk Level Calculation</u></p> <p>(a) Severity of risk/injury 1=trivial, 2=slight, 3=moderate, 4=major, 5=fatality</p> <p>(b) Likelihood of event 1=rare, 2=unlikely, 3=likely, 4=very likely, 5=inevitable</p> <p>(c) Risk Rating = (a) X (b)</p>		<p><u>Risk Level Action</u></p> <p>1-5 Trivial risk Acceptable</p> <p>6-10 Medium risk Requires monitoring</p> <p>11-15 Severe risk Requires immediate further action and control</p> <p>16-25 Emergency risk Halt activity and review immediately</p>			
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Who may be affected?	Identified Risks	Other Areas Identified Controls	Risk Rating with controls	Action implementation
<p>Staff Pupils Wider Community</p>	<p>Spread of Covid-19 virus</p> <p>Persons currently deemed most at risk of complications if they catch the coronavirus are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 years of age and over • have long-term medical conditions – i.e. heart disease, lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer • pregnant women <p>Known effects of the coronavirus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fever (high temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above) • A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry cough • Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties • Loss of sense of smell • Loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste • Death 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Breakfast Club: Closed ✓ Communication: Teachers will use Microsoft Teams on their laptop to communicate by voice call ✓ Library: Timetabled – Supervised – Pods – Books wiped after use ✓ P.E.: Outside ✓ Swimming: Cancelled ✓ Yard: Staggered - Class Bubbles - Colour-Coded Bibs - Observe Physical Distancing - Staff supervising will be from same class bubbles as pupils in so far as possible – Yard books wiped after use ✓ First Aid: First Aid kits are available in all mainstream classes. Mask – Apron – Gloves will be worn when providing First Aid. ✓ School Trips: Cancelled pending review 	<p>Requires monitoring</p>	<p>Board of Management Principal Administration staff</p>
<p>Risk Level Calculation</p> <p>(a) Severity of risk/injury 1=trivial, 2=slight, 3=moderate, 4=major, 5=fatality</p> <p>(b) Likelihood of event 1=rare, 2=unlikely, 3=likely, 4=very likely, 5=inevitable</p> <p>(c) Risk Rating = (a) X (b)</p>		<p>Risk Level Action</p> <p>1-5 Trivial risk Acceptable</p> <p>6-10 Medium risk Requires monitoring</p> <p>11-15 Severe risk Requires immediate further action and control</p> <p>16-25 Emergency risk Halt activity and review immediately</p>		
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