



Scoil Aireagail

COVID-19 Response Plan

Students

August 2020

The following adjustments have been made to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Scoil Aireagail:

One Hour Class:

The timetable has been revised to a one-hour class format. This reduces movement of people within the building, with class groups having a maximum of three movements between classes excluding movements at break times. Movement between classes will be less for some groups due to double classes.

Base Rooms:

Each Year group is assigned their own Base Room which is where students congregate on three occasions during the day: (i) Morning registration (ii) Morning break and (iii) Lunch break. This will help maintain social distancing, avoiding our students congregate on corridors etc. Students are encouraged to be outdoors during morning and lunch breaks – weather permitting. Social distancing still applies outside the building.

Year Group	Base Room
1 Gold	23
1 Silver	8
2 Red	5
2 Green	27
3 Black	9
3 White	26
TYA	4
TYB	3
5A	1
5B	25
5C	12
6A	6
6B	7

8:50am Registration

10:50am Break

1:10pm Lunch

Students observe following guidelines to help maintain social distancing:

- ✓ Go to Base Room in mornings, or wait outdoors – weather permitting
- ✓ No congregating in corridors/toilets
- ✓ Be ready in Base Room at **8:50am** sharp for registration
- ✓ Observe one-way system on corridors, with a separate entry and exit to main building
- ✓ Exit classes in Rooms 1 to 8 via emergency exit door
- ✓ Exit classes in Rooms 23, 25, 26 and 27 via emergency exit door
- ✓ Exit Room 19 via emergency exit door
- ✓ Exit door opposite Room 12 can be used to exit building
- ✓ Staggered break times/finishing times – bring bags/jackets to Base Room, and collect before end of break. Students to maintain social distancing while waiting for collection. 1st & 2nd Years allowed to leave class five minutes early.

Classrooms:

Classrooms have been reconfigured to facilitate social distancing. At end of every class teacher to spray desk tops and seat. Student to wipe desk and seat with paper towel (provided at start of lesson) and dispose of same in pedal bin (non-touch) on exiting the classroom.

A hand sanitiser has been installed outside all classrooms, which students are to use on entry or exit.

Students to have assigned seats in Base Rooms for morning registration, morning break and lunch break. Students to remain in these assigned seats during these times. Desks cannot be moved.

Staggered Breaks:

1st Years and 2nd Years leave five minutes before morning break, lunch break and end of last class. This will allow them to get to canteen/toilet/lockers before remainder of students, alleviating number of students on corridors at the same time.

Students to dispose of all rubbish in Base Rooms after lunch break. For first class after morning break and first class after lunch the same cleaning regime of sanitising desk tops will take place.

Corridors:

Corridors now have a one-way system with single entry point and use of a number of exit points. Some sections of corridors will necessitate two-way foot traffic, where a 'walk-on-right' rule will apply. Floor markings and wall signage will help here. There can be no standing/sitting/waiting on corridors.

Lockers:

Most student lockers have been removed from corridors to provide more space for social distancing, with the exception of 1st Year lockers. 1st Years are assigned lockers which are an appropriate distance apart. Floor markings will help students keep appropriate distance apart if waiting to access locker.

Books:

Teachers may adjust classroom practice to allow students leave some books at home for study/homework. Some sets of books may remain in the classroom. The continued use of Microsoft Teams will also be a feature of teaching and learning. These measures will help avoid very heavy school bags.

Changing Rooms:

Our Physical Education changing rooms are now closed, as per health guidelines. Students can come to school in their P.E. gear only if they have P.E. on that day.

Toilets:

Students' entry to toilets is limited where sections have been closed off, to maintain distancing. No group gatherings in toilets are permitted. A maximum of three students are permitted in the toilets at any one time.

Suspected Symptoms of COVID-19 of student:

- The staff member must firstly ensure the student wears a face mask as well as a face visor. The staff member must also wear a mask as well as a face visor while dealing with the student.
- The staff member must escort the student to the 1st Aid room, maintaining a 2 meter distance from student if possible.

Location of 1 st Aid Area	Room 21
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- The student is to continue to wear his/her mask until he/she has left the building.
- The student is to wait in the 1st Aid area (Room 21) until he/she is brought home.
- Parent/guardian will be contacted so as to bring student home.

Common symptoms include:

- High temperature (38 degrees Celsius or above)
- Cough – this can be any kind of cough, not just dry
- Loss or change to your sense of smell or taste
- Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties

Early Collection of Students:

Collection of students by parents/guardians at a time earlier than the end of the last class in to be kept to an absolute minimum. Students cannot be collected early if this has not been notified to the school. Early collection should only occur in exceptional circumstances. Parent/Guardian should:

- Contact the school by telephone in advance of any planned early collection.
- Go directly to reception and sign out the student.
- If the parent/guardian has suspected symptoms of Covid-19, or has had close contact with a confirmed case he/she must not enter the building.
- Wait in own vehicle for student to exit building.

Hand Hygiene:

Hand sanitising stations have been installed at all entry points into buildings, in every classroom, outside of each toilet facility as well as in strategic locations throughout each building. Please wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or, use the alcohol-based hand sanitiser regularly and in particular:

- Every time you enter or exit the building
- Every time you enter or exit a classroom
- After coughing, sneezing and blowing your nose
- Before and after preparing food
- Before and after eating or drinking
- When hands are visibly dirty
- After toilet use
- Before and after handling stock e.g. office supplies
- If in contact with someone who is displaying any Covid-19 symptoms

Avoid touching your eyes, mouth or nose. Do not share cups, bottles, stationery (pens, pencils etc.) Do not shake hands with others, use a verbal greeting only.

Personal Protective Equipment:

Students must wear a face mask at all times while in school building. If a student has a particular medical issue which may prevent him/her from wearing a face mask the parent/guardian must inform the school immediately. A face visor may be used in this case. The general use of PPE will be revised by staff in September 2020.

