



Scoil Aireagail

COVID-19 Response Plan

Students

Please ensure to read, understand and follow the following processes put in place to help our school community remain safe

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 significantly 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 will be encouraged to be outdoors during morning and lunch breaks – weather permitting. Social distancing still applies outside the building.

Year Group	Base Room
1 Gold	3
1 Silver	4
2 Red	5
2 Green	6
3 Black	7
3 White	8
TYA	9
TYB	10
6A & 6B	12
6A Room 12 Registration 6B Room 19 Registration	

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, 2, 4, 6 and 8 via emergency exit door
- ✓ Exit classes in Rooms 3, 5 and 7 via usual door to corridor
- ✓ Staggered break times – bring bags/jackets to Base Room, and collect before end of break
- ✓ Staggered finishing times – maintain social distancing while waiting for collection

Classrooms:

Two classrooms have undertaken structural changes, providing us with additional and spacious general classrooms. Classrooms have been reconfigured to comply within current guidelines. Excess furniture has been removed and tables/chairs arranged to ensure students are 1M apart.

Desks must not be moved at any time

All rubbish is to be put in bin before leaving classroom

Lockers:

Most student lockers have been removed from corridors to provide more space for social distancing, with the exception of 1st Year lockers. These have remained in position to help our 1st Year students in their new school. 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.

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.

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.

Hand Sanitising:

Hand sanitisers have been installed outside every classroom and toilet, and at entry points. Students and staff will be encouraged to sanitise hands entering and leaving each classroom. Visitors will be asked to use hand sanitiser on entry.

Masks/Visors:

The wearing of a visor in classroom settings will be compulsory for all students. Students will be provided with a visor and will be responsible for maintaining and cleaning the visor. Replacement visors will be available to students at a cost of €5 each. Cloth masks may be worn in other areas inside the school building. Students must supply their own cloth masks.

Toilets:

Limited entry to toilets at any one time, as per health guidelines. No group gatherings in toilets.

Cleaning of Classrooms:

A strict cleaning process of surfaces (table tops & seats) will take place towards end of each lesson. Teacher will spray surface and student will wipe with tissue, which will be disposed of using pedal bin on leaving class. The cleaning spray and tissue are supplied by the school. This process is now part of our Code of Behaviour.

School Visitors:

Visits to our school will be limited and only when completely necessary. All visits must be by appointment only, so as to ensure adherence to health guidelines. Communication via telephone and email will remain.

Sharing of Personal Items:

There must be no sharing of personal items of any kind. These include typical pencil-case items, calculators, rulers, hair brushes, hats, food, drink, bottles etc. Water bottles can be refilled during break times.

Suspected Symptoms of COVID-19:

Any student who has any symptom of COVID-19 should **NOT** come to school. Parent/Guardian are requested to inform the school immediately on 056 7768632 or info@scoilareagail.ie. Known symptoms include cough, fever, high temperature, sore throat, runny nose, breathlessness or flu-like symptoms. The advice is to contact your G.P. immediately.

If a student presents as a suspected COVID-19 case during the school day he/she must be brought home immediately. Please ensure arrangements are in place to facilitate this at short notice, should the situation arise. Students in this instance will be escorted to our designated isolation room, as per health guidelines, until he/she is brought home.

Contact Information:

Please ensure the contact details (mobile phone number and work contact number) you have provided to Scoil Aireagail is up to date. Parents/Guardians must remain contactable throughout the school day.

