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COVID-19 Policy Statement

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Rationale for this policy

The Minister for Education has published “The Roadmap for the Full Return to School” on the 27th July. It sets out what the operation of schools will look like and the range of supports which will be available in a COVID-19 context.

It has been developed in line with public health advice issued by the Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC) and in compliance with the “Return to Work Safely Protocols” developed by the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation and the Department of Health with guidance documents provided by the Health and Safety Authority (HSA). Each workplace is required to have a COVID-19 Response Plan. In addition to being places of learning, schools are also places of work. The above document sets out the information that post primary schools need to implement a School COVID-19 Response Plan, containing this COVID-19 policy, lead worker representative/s (LWR) and a process to deal with a suspected case of COVID-19.

St John Bosco Community College is committed to providing a safe and healthy workplace for all our staff and a safe learning environment for all our students. To ensure that, we have developed a COVID-19 Response Plan. Limerick & Clare Education & Training Board and all school staff of St John Bosco Community College are responsible for the implementation of this plan and a combined effort will help contain the spread of the virus.

Implementation of this policy

We will:

- Continue to monitor our COVID-19 response plan and amend this plan in consultation with our staff and board of management.
- Provide up to date information to our staff and students 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.
- Agree with staff, a worker representative who is easily identifiable to carry out the role outlined in this plan in relation to summer provision.
- Inform all staff and students of essential hygiene and respiratory etiquette and physical distancing requirements.
- Adapt the school to facilitate physical distancing as appropriate in line with the public health guidance and direction of the Department of Education.
- Keep a contact log to help with contact tracing.
- Ensure staff and students engage with the induction / familiarisation briefing provided by the Department of Education.
- 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 students to follow if they develop signs and symptoms of COVID-19 during school time.
- Implement cleaning in line with Department of Education advice.

