

Coláiste Chill na n-Iníon

College



Firhouse Community

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Covid-19 Response Plan

Introduction

This Covid-19 **Response Plan** is designed to support the staff of the College and Dublin and Dun Laoghaire ETB in putting measures in place that will prevent the spread of Covid-19 in Firhouse Community College. The Covid-19 **Response Plan** details the policies and practices necessary for a school to meet the Government's 'Return to Work Safely Protocol', the Department of Education and Skills plan for school reopening and to prevent the spread of Covid-19 in the school environment. The plan incorporates current advice, issued by the National Public Health Emergency Team (NPHE), about measures to reduce the spread of Covid-19 in the community.

It is important that the resumption of school-based teaching and learning and the reopening of school facilities comply with the protocol to minimise the risk to students, staff and others. As the advice issued by NPHE continues to evolve, this protocol, and the measures management and staff need to address, may also change. The **Response Plan** will support the sustainable reopening of our school where the overriding objective is to protect the health of staff and students while promoting the educational and development needs of the children in the school. In line with the **Return to Work Safely Protocol**, the key to a safe and continued return to work, and reopening of our schools requires strong communication and a shared collaborative approach between the Board of Management, staff, students and parents.

Our **Plan** aims to provide an educational experience to our students that is as close to their previous experience as possible, whilst attempting to ensure the health and wellbeing of our students and all our staff. In this regard, we are implementing some necessary changes to ensure that the foundation stones of good hand hygiene, coughing and sneezing etiquette and social distancing are practiced and maintained. We will have induction training for all our staff and students, which will promote best practice in these crucial steps to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

Our **Plan** aims to reduce and minimise the risk to students, staff and others and should be regarded as a living document, which will be updated in accordance with the public health advice. The assistance and co-operation of all staff, students, parents and visitors is critical to the success of our **Plan**.

