

Appendix 1

COVID-19 Policy Statement

Firhouse Community College is committed to providing a safe and healthy workplace for all our staff, students and visitors. To ensure that, we have developed the following Covid-19 Response Plan. All managers, staff, students and visitors to the building are responsible for the implementation of this plan and a combined effort will help contain the spread of the virus. We will:

- continue to monitor our Covid-19 response and amend this plan in consultation with our stakeholders.
- provide up to date information to our workers 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 stakeholders of essential hygiene and respiratory etiquette and physical distancing requirements
- adapt the workplace to facilitate physical distancing
- keep a log of contact to help with contact tracing
- have all staff and students attend an induction /familiarisation briefing
- develop a procedure to be followed in the event of someone showing symptoms of Covid-19 while at work or in the workplace
- provide instructions for staff and students to follow if they develop signs and symptoms of Covid-19 during the school day.
- intensify cleaning in line with government and DDLETB advice

All staff will be consulted on an ongoing basis and feedback is encouraged on any concerns, issues or suggestions. This can be done through the Worker Representatives

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Signed:  Chairperson BoM

Signed:  Principal/Secretary BoM

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