

Scoil Mhuire an Chroí gan Smál, Leenane, Co. Galway

Covid-19 Risk Assessment

August 2020

Who may be affected? Identified Risks	Risk Communication, Education and Training Controls	Risk Rating with controls	Action implementation
Persons currently deemed most at risk of complications they catch the coronavirus are 60 years of age and over have long-term medic conditions – i.e. heart disease lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer pregnant women Known effects of the coronavirus: A fever (high temperature 37.5 degrees Celsius or above A cough - this can be an kind of cough, not just a decough Shortness of breath breathing difficulties Loss of sense of smell Loss of sense of taste distortion of sense of taste Death	Inis plan will nightlight the measures necessary to protect the health and safety of staff in re-opening and modifying the work arrangements within the school. The staff representative(s) will be properly consulted when developing and implementing the action plan for the prevention and mitigation of Covid-19 within the school and all staff will be informed about the measures being introduced, using specific risk communication and staff engagement approaches. The Board of Management will: Yes Ensure that all staff receive necessary training prior to returning to work Provide posters, information and electronic message boards to increase awareness of Covid-19 among staff and pupils Yes Promote safe individual practices within the school campus	Negligible	Board of Management Principal Staff

Who may be affected?	Identified Risks	Hygiene Controls	Risk Rating with controls	Action implementation
All staff Pupils Visitors Contractors Public	cough, not just a dry cough	 ✓ Wash their hands properly and often. Hands should be washed: ○ After coughing or sneezing ○ Before and after eating or preparing food ○ Before and after using protective gloves 	Requires monitoring	Board of Management Principal Staff Visitors

Who may be affected?	Identified Risks	Hygiene Controls	Risk Rating with controls	Action implementation
All staff Pupils Visitors Contractors Public	Persons currently deemed most at risk of complications if they catch the coronavirus are: • 60 years of age and over • have long-term medical conditions – i.e. heart disease, lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer • pregnant women Known effects of the coronavirus: • A fever (high temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above) • A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry cough • Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties • Loss of sense of smell • Loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste • Death	 ✓ Appropriate social distancing markings are in place ✓ Necessary PPE is available to staff ✓ Standard cleaning and maintenance regimes are put in place and detailed records retained ✓ Toilet facilities are cleaned regularly ✓ All drinking water facilities will be shut down ✓ Equipment sharing is minimised. Staff are encouraged not to share equipment ✓ There is regular cleaning of frequently touched surfaces and that staff are provided with essential cleaning materials to keep their own work areas clean (for example wipes/disinfection products, paper towels and waste bins/bags) ✓ All school equipment is sanitised – cleaning programmes to be devised to ensure that shared equipment is cleaned and disinfected between use by different people ✓ Covid compliant work areas to be available where social distancing guidelines can be applied ✓ There is staggered use of kitchen or other communal facilities ✓ Bins are provided for disposal of waste materials (tissues, paper towels, wipes, etc.) and that adequate waste collection arrangements to be put in place to ensure they do not 	Requires monitoring	Board of Management Principal Staff Visitors

Who may be affected?	Identified Risks	Social Distancing	Risk Rating with controls	Action implementation
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All staff Pupils Visitors Contractors Public	Persons currently deemed most at risk of complications if they catch the coronavirus are: • 60 years of age and over • have long-term medical conditions — i.e. heart disease, lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer • pregnant women Known effects of the coronavirus: • A fever (high temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above) • A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry cough • Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties • Loss of sense of smell • Loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste • Death	school, use of welfare facilities and while working in the school physical spacing (2 metres apart currently) for work stations and common spaces, such as entrances/exits, lifts, kithchen areas, canteens, stairs, where congregation or queuing of staff, or students of visitors might occur Break time school supervision procedures must be strictly adhered to Appropriate signage in line with public health guidelines will be displayed throughout school facility (buildings and grounds) Appropriate social distancing arangements will be in place throughout the facility Meetings of staff will take place while maintaining social distancing of 2 metres There is currently a strict no handshaking policy in place within the school All staff, contractors and visitors should avoid direct physical contact with any other persons as far as possible Where 2 metre distance cannot be maintained face coverings will be worn Requirements for personnel working within 2 metres of each other (where activity cannot be suspended):	Requires monitoring Serious	Board of Management Principal Staff Visitors

Who may be affected?	Identified Risks	Cleaning Controls	Risk Rating with controls	Action implementation
Staff especially cleaning staff	Persons currently deemed most at risk of complications if they catch the coronavirus are: • 60 years of age and over • have long-term medical conditions – i.e. heart disease, lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer • pregnant women Known effects of the coronavirus: • A fever (high temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above) • A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry cough • Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties • Loss of sense of smell • Loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste • Death	items handled at work or during breaks. Staff advised to clean personal items that they have bring to work (e.g. mobile phones) and to avoid leaving them down on communal surfaces or they will need to clean the surface after the personal item is removed ✓ Cleaning staff will be trained in the new cleaning arrangements for the school ✓ Sufficient cleaning materials and PPE will be available to allow for increased cleaning ✓ Cleaning staff will be instructed to wear gloves when cleaning and are aware of the need to wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water, both before and after wearing gloves ✓ System in place for the disposal of cleaning cloths and used wipes in a rubbish bag Current HSE guidance recommends waste such as cleaning waste, tissues etc. from a person suspected of having Covid-19 should be double bagged and stored in a secure area for 72 hours before being presented for general waste collection ✓ System in place to make sure reusable cleaning equipment including mop heads and non-disposable cloths are washed before re-use	Requires monitoring	Board of Management Principal Staff

Who may be affected?	Identified Risks	Office and administration areas	Risk Rating with controls	Action implementation
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Staff	Persons currently deemed most at risk of complications if they catch the coronavirus are: • 60 years of age and over • have long-term medical conditions – i.e. heart disease, lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer • pregnant women	 Office capacity to be limited to facilitate the maintenance of physical distancing between designated workstations and staff The number of employees permitted to work in an office at any particular time shall be limited to one person as a necessary control measure to protect health and safety. 	Requires monitoring	Board of Management Principal Administration staff
	Known effects of the coronavirus: • A fever (high temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above) • A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry cough • Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties • Loss of sense of smell • Loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste • Death			

Who may be affected?	Identified Risks	Use of PPE Controls	Risk Rating with controls	Action implementation
Staff	most at risk of complications if they catch the coronavirus are: • 60 years of age and over • have long-term medical conditions – i.e. heart disease, lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer • pregnant women Known effects of the coronavirus: • A fever (high temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above) • A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry cough	Where PPE is required by staff, they will be notified accordingly and be provided with the necessary PPE and provided with training and information in the proper use, cleaning, storage and disposal of PPE. PPE needs to be consistently and properly worn when required. In addition, it must be regularly inspected, cleaned, maintained and replaced as necessary. Current general guidance from the HSE in relation to the wearing of face coverings, masks and gloves is available at the following Link: https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/face-masks-disposable-gloves.html Face masks will be provided to all staff and are available for use.	Requires monitoring	Board of Management Principal Staff

Who may be affected?	Identified Risks	Using hand tools or equipment	Risk Rating with controls	Action implementation
All staff	Spread of Covid-19 virus Persons currently deemed most at risk of complications if they catch the coronavirus are: • 60 years of age and over • have long-term medical conditions – i.e. heart disease, lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer • pregnant women Known effects of the coronavirus: • A fever (high temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above) • A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry cough • Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties • Loss of sense of smell • Loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste • Death	Controls Staff must wear the appropriate PPE for the nature of the work that they are undertaking All tools and equipment must be properly sanitised to prevent cross contamination Arrangements should be put in place for one individual to use the same tool, equipment and machinery as far as is reasonably practicable Cleaning material will be available so that all tools can be wiped down with disinfectant between each use All mobile machinery (including lawnmowers) must be thoroughly cleaned and santisied prior to use	Requires monitoring	Board of Management Principal Staff

Who may be affected?	Identified Risks	Dealing with a suspected case of Covid-19 Controls	Risk Rating with controls	Action implementation
Staff Pupils Visitors Contractors	Persons currently deemed most at risk of complications if they catch the coronavirus are: • 60 years of age and over • have long-term medical conditions – i.e. heart disease, lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer • pregnant women Known effects of the coronavirus: • A fever (high temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above) • A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry cough • Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties • Loss of sense of smell • Loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste • Death	The Board of Management will: ✓ Have a designated isolation area available within the school building. The designated area and the route to the designated area should be easily accessible and as far as is reasonable and practicable, should be accessible by people with disabilities. The possibility of having more than one person displaying signs of Covid-19 needs to be considered so having additional isolation areas available or another contingency plan for dealing with additional cases must be planned. It would be important that the designated area has the ability to isolate the person behind a closed door and away from other workers If a person displays symptoms of Covid-19 the following procedure is to be implemented: ✓ Isolate the person and have a procedure in place to accompany the individual to the designated isolation area via the isolation route, keeping at least 2 metres away from the symptomatic person and also making sure that others maintain a distance of at least 2 metres from the symptomatic person at all times. ✓ Provide a mask for the person presenting with symptoms if one is available. He/she should wear the mask if in a common area with other people or while exiting the premises. ✓ Assess whether the individual who is displaying symptoms can immediately be directed to go home and call their doctor and continue self-isolation at home. ✓ Facilitate the person presenting with symptoms remaining in isolation if they cannot immediately go home and facilitate them calling their doctor. The individual should avoid touching people, surfaces and objects. Advice should be given to the person presenting with symptoms to cover their mouth and nose with the disposable tissue provided when they cough or sneeze and put the tissue in the waste bag provided ✓ If the person is well enough to go home, arrange for them to be transported home by a family member, as soon as possible and advise them to inform their general practitioner by phone of their symptoms. Public transport of any kind should not be us	Requires monitoring	Board of Management Principal Staff

Who may be affected?	Identified Risks	Covid-19 cleaning	Risk Rating	Action implementation
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Staff Pupils	Spread of Covid-19 virus	All cleaning will be undertaken in line with DES and public health guidance.		Board of Management Principal
Visitors	Persons currently deemed most at risk of complications if they catch the coronavirus are:	suspected coronavirus (Covid-19) case. This wil reduce the risk of passing the		Cleaning staff
	60 years of age and overhave long-term medical			
	conditions – i.e. heart disease, lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer • pregnant women			
	Known effects of the	✓ Using a disposable cloth, first clean hard surfaces with warm soapy water. Then disinfect these surfaces with the cleaning products you normally use. Pay particular	Serious	
	coronavirus: • A fever (high temperature of	attention to frequently touched areas and surfaces, such as toilets, banisters on stairwells and door handles	Requires monitoring	
	37.5 degrees Celsius or above)A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry	person with coronavirus (Covid-19) consider using protection for the eyes, mouth and		
	cough • Shortness of breath or	✓ Wash hands regularly with soap and water for 20 seconds and after removing gloves,		
	breathing difficultiesLoss of sense of smell	✓ Public areas where a symptomatic individual has passed through and spent minimal time, such as corridors, but which are not visibly contaminated with body fluids can be		
	 Loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste Death 	cleaned as normal All surfaces that the symptomatic person has come into contact with must be cleaned and disinfected, including objects which are visibly contaminated with body fluids		

Who may be affected?	Identified Risks	Cleaning a space with a suspected/confirmed case of Covid-19	Risk Rating	Action implementation
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Staff Pupils	Spread of Covid-19 virus	All cleaning will be undertaken in line with DES and public health guidance.		Board of Management Principal
Visitors	most at risk of complications if they catch the coronavirus are:	Use disposable cloths or paper roll and disposable mob heads to clean all hard surface floors, chairs, door handles and sanitary fittings, using an approved and recognised deterge and disinfectant in line with the manufacturer's instructions for dilution, aplication and contatimes Disinfectants used should be effective against viruses.		Cleaning staff
	lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer	Additionally:	Serious	
	pregnant women		Requires	
		Avoid creating splashes and spray when cleaning.	monitoring	
	Known effects of the coronavirus: • A fever (high temperature of	Any cloths and mop heads used must be disposed of and should be put into waste bags outlined below.		
	37.5 degrees Celsius or above)	When items cannot be cleaned using detergents or laundered (upholstered furniture mattresses for example) steam cleaning should be used		
		Any items that have been heavily contaminated with bodyfluids and that cannot be cleaned		
		If possible, keep an area closed off and secure for 72 hours. After this time the amount of virus		
		contamination will have decreased substantially, and cleaning can take place as normal		
	•Death			

Who may be affected?	Identified Risks	Cleaning a space with a suspected/confirmed case of Covid-19 (continued)	Risk Rating with controls	Action implementation
Staff Pupils Visitors	Spread of Covid-19 virus Persons currently deemed most at risk of complications if they catch the coronavirus are: • 60 years of age and over • have long-term medical conditions – i.e. heart disease, lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer • pregnant women Known effects of the coronavirus: • A fever (high temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above) • A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry cough • Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties • Loss of sense of smell • Loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste • Death	water setting and dry items completely. Dirty laundry that has been in contact with an unwell person can be washed with other people's items. Do not shake dirty laundry as this minimises the possibility of dispersing the virus through the air ✓ Clean and disinfect anything used for transporting laundry with your usual products, in line with the cleaning guidance outlined above Waste Management ✓ Waste should be put in a plastic rubbish bag and tied when full ✓ The plastic bag should then be placed in a second bin bag and tied ✓ It should be put in a suitable and secure place and marked for storage until the individual's test results are known ✓ All waste should be stored safely and kept away from children. You should not put waste in communal waste areas until negative test results are known or the waste	Serious Requires monitoring	Board of Management Principal Cleaning staff

Who may be affected?	Identified Risks	Travel to and from work	Risk Rating	Action implementation
		Controls	with controls	
Staff	 they catch the coronavirus are: 60 years of age and over have long-term medical conditions – i.e. heart disease, 	Where a staff member exhibits any signs of Covid-19 or has been exposed to a confirmed case they should not travel to work. Wherever possible, staff should travel to work alone using their own means of transport — staff should not share transport to or from work. If availing of public transport, sit down to minimise contact with frequently touched surfaces, handles,roofstraps,isolation bars, etc. Wear a face mask and carry hand santiser (at least 60% alcohol) and use it regularly throughout your journey.	Requires monitoring	All staff
	Known effects of the coronavirus: • A fever (high temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above) • A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry cough • Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties • Loss of sense of smell • Loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste • Death			

Who may be affected?	Identified Risks	Dropping off and picking up of pupils	Risk Rating with controls	Action implementation
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_	most at risk of complications if	Parents/guardians will be encouraged to wait in the car outside of the school	Requires monitoring	Board of Management Principal Staff

Who may be affected?	Identified Risks	Visitors to school Controls	Risk Rating with controls	Action implementation
Staff Pupils Wider Community	Persons currently deemed most at risk of complications if they catch the coronavirus are: • 60 years of age and over • have long-term medical conditions – i.e. heart disease, lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer • pregnant women Known effects of the coronavirus: • A fever (high temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above) • A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry cough • Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties • Loss of sense of smell • Loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste • Death	Visits to the school will be severely restricted and visitors will be asked to: ✓ Make a prior appointment before visiting the school ✓ Remain at home if they have any Covid-19 symptoms ✓ Follow the agreed Covid-19 protocols for the school ✓ Sanitise before entering the premises ✓ Attendance to be recorded on entry to building ✓ Wear PPE if instructed ✓ Adhere to social distancing requirements ✓ Not to loiter − complete their business and leave premises	Requires monitoring	Board of Management Principal

Who may be affected?	Identified Risks	Management of deliveries and supplies to school	Risk Rating with controls	Action implementation
Staff Pupils Drivers Wider Community	Persons currently deemed most at risk of complications if they catch the coronavirus are: • 60 years of age and over • have long-term medical conditions – i.e. heart disease, lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer • pregnant women Known effects of the coronavirus: • A fever (high temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above) • A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry cough • Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties • Loss of sense of smell • Loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste • Death	All drivers to remain in their vehicle and to follow instructions to set down area Ensure that all delivery transactions comply with physical distancing requirements Agree a delivery protocol with suppliers All deliveries to be planned with allocated times for collections and deliveries Arrangements to be made for paperless deliveries System to be agreed with suppliers to ensure reconciliations are accurate Appropriate sanitising arrangements at set down areas (for materials and stock) and at access and egress points.	Requires monitoring	Board of Management Principal Staff Delivery personnel