



COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN- SYNOPSIS

This is a synopsis of the Covid-19 Response Plan of Carrigwohill Community College to allow members of the school community to be aware of the protocol of the college as we return to school.

It is important to note that zero risk is not achievable, risk can be minimised but not eliminated. Each member of our college community has personal responsibility in minimising the risk of the introduction of COVID-19 to our college and the spread of the virus if introduced.

Display

Signage outlining the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and supporting good hand and respiratory hygiene are displayed across the school. Posters with age-appropriate key health messages will be displayed in prominent areas such as offices, corridors, staffroom area, classrooms and toilets.

College Layout

Physical distancing of at least 1 metre (or of 2 metres where possible) should be maintained between individual students and staff. Access to and exit of the building are dependent on the location of a student's first and last class. Stairwells are based on a one-way system, and everyone must walk on the left side of corridors. This is clearly marked. Student desks in Carrigwohill Community College are one metre apart, where possible, whilst an area of two metres will be maintained between the teacher's desk and students' desks, where possible. All available space is being utilised together with staggering of internal social space at break- and lunchtime. This is facilitated by alternating assembly and break time for class groups as well as alternating time spent outside at lunchtime. Students and staff must wear masks. Lockers are available as they are a high contact touch and meeting point. Teachers will advise students what is required for class in terms of stationery to avoid very heavy schoolbags. A maximum of four students can be in the toilet blocks at any one time.

Supporting Learning

Provision for curriculum in 2021/22 takes account of the likelihood that the impact of school closures on students' curriculum experiences were not uniform.

Students will return to school in a staggered format to allow each child to acclimatise and to familiarise themselves with the COVID-19 protocol. It also gives students time to re-connect with their classmates and re-form relationships with staff. All student work will continue to be submitted to the teacher online.

The Student Support Team, consisting of the Principal, Deputy Principal, SENCO and Chaplain will ensure that current effective systems are utilised regularly to identify students most in need of support.

Transition Year

Planning is underway to ensure that students have the best possible Transition Year experience, within the confines of current limitations. Off-campus activities will continue to take place where feasible.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Neither students nor staff members can attend the college without a mask. Students will be required to sanitise their desk and chair before and after use as well as other shared items such as safety goggles. There are sanitisers in each classroom and on corridors as well as sanitising stations outside of the school building, ensuring ample opportunities to sanitise across the course of the day.

Dealing with a Suspected Case of COVID-19

Staff or pupils should not attend school if displaying any [symptoms of COVID-19](#). A designated isolation area has been identified. The possibility of having more than one person displaying signs of COVID-19 has been considered and a contingency plan for dealing with additional cases put in place. If the person with the suspected case is a pupil, the parents/guardians will be contacted immediately. The person will be isolated, and the individual will be accompanied to the designated isolation area. The isolation area will be a storeroom. It will be determined whether the individual who is displaying symptoms can immediately be directed to go home/be brought home by parents who will call their doctor and continue self-isolation at home

The HSE will inform any staff/parents who have come into close contact with a diagnosed case via the contact tracing process. The HSE will contact all relevant persons where a diagnosis of COVID-19 is made. The instructions of the HSE should be followed and staff and pupil confidentiality is essential at all times.

Contact Tracing Log

It is important to minimise visitors to the college and as such, parents can only come to the college by appointment only, made through telephone contact with Aimee. The college cannot accept any item left at home by a student over the course of the day and it is important that parents/guardians assist and support their child/ren in ensuring they have what they need for school.