



**Plean Freagartha Cóibhid 19 – Gaelscoil Raifteiri - Leasuithe Nuashonraithe 30.8.2021 & 1.12.21**  
***Covid-19 Response Plan – Gaelscoil Raifteiri – Updated Amendments 30.8.2021 & 1.12.21***

Topic	Reference in Plan	Action
Public Health/Government/ Department of Education Advice	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Systems are in place to keep up to date with public health advice; changes to any Government plans for the safe reopening of society and Department of Ed. updates. *CO2 monitors arrive 10.9.21; Less common Covid-19 symptoms; Mask wearing +9 1.12.21; Contact tracing in schools recommences 27.11.21*</li> <li>• This information has and will be passed on in a timely manner to staff, pupils, parents and others as required via the school website, email and Aladdin notices.</li> </ul>
Staff	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Covid-19 Response plan August 2021 and amendments discussed at Staff planning meeting 30.8.21</li> <li>• All Staff to wear face masks in class and on the yard.</li> </ul>
Parents	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Email sent to parents with information on school reopening and updated Covid-19 Response plan.</li> <li>• Parents will complete Declaration form on return of pupils to school after school holidays incl. midterm breaks and any absence (excluding weekends).</li> <li>• Parents are advised to communicate with the school by phoning the office or by email</li> </ul>
Pupils	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pupils revising the behaviours &amp; practices regarding Covid-19. Information sent to parents and shared on school website prior to return. Ongoing education in this area.</li> <li>• Pupils in 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes</li> </ul>
Induction Training	8.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All staff will confirm that they have completed Induction Training and reviewed the training materials provided by the Department of Education</li> </ul>
Return To Work Form (RTWF)	8.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Staff and Students on School Placement will be provided with the Return to Work (RTW) form</li> <li>• Staff will complete RTW form on return to school after school holidays incl. midterm breaks and any absence (excluding weekends).</li> <li>• All Staff and Students on School Placement (verbally or in writing) will be requested to confirm that the details in the pre- return-to-work form remain unchanged.</li> </ul>
Appointment of A Lead Worker representative (LWR) and assistant Lead Worker	4	<p>A Lead Worker representative and assistant Lead Worker have been appointed and this remains unchanged.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LWR: Cristín Uí Ghiobúin</li> </ul>

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Health & Safety Risk Assessment	4.6	This is being reviewed and updated in line with new amendments to the Covid-19 Response Plan.
Infection Prevention Control Measures - To prevent Introduction and Spread of COVID19 in Schools	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff and pupils advised to self-isolate or restrict their movements at home if they display any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 and to contact their family doctor to arrange a test.</li> </ul> <p>Staff and pupils are asked to be aware of new symptoms of Covid-19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff and pupils advised not to return to or attend school in the event of the following: if they are identified by the HSE as a close contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19 -if they live with someone who has symptoms of the virus -If they have travelled outside of Ireland; in such instances staff are advised to consult and follow latest Government advice in relation to foreign travel.</li> <li>Staff and pupils advised to cooperate with any public health officials and the school for contact tracing purposes and follow any public health advice in the event of a case or outbreak in the school.</li> </ul> <p>Pupils in 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes are advised to wear face masks on the advice of NPET and Department of Ed.</p>
<u>Know the Symptoms of COVID-19</u>	5.1	<p>Parents/Staff are asked to be aware of the common symptoms of Covid-19: fever (high temperature - 38 degrees Celsius or above) - including having chills; dry cough; fatigue (tiredness) and</p> <p>*the less common symptoms of Covid-19 and new variants: loss or smell or taste; nasal congestion (runny or blocked nose)conjunctivitis (also known as red eyes); sore throat; headache; muscle or joint pain (aches and pains);different types of skin rash; nausea or vomiting; diarrhoea; chills or dizziness.</p>
<u>Hand Hygiene</u>	5.3	<p>Hand hygiene can be achieved by hand washing or use of a hand sanitiser (when hands look clean).The following hand hygiene protocols will continue and be revised regularly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use of hand hygiene facilities including wash hand basins will be managed so as to avoid congregation of people waiting to use wash hand basins and hand sanitisers.</li> <li>Additional handwashing facilities after activities likely to soil hands, for example playing outside or certain sporting activities as hand sanitiser does not work on dirty hands</li> <li>Alcohol-based sanitiser will not be stored or used near heat or naked flame.</li> </ul>
<u>Frequency of Hand Hygiene</u>	5.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pupils and staff are asked to perform hand hygiene: Prior to coming to school; on arrival at school; before eating or drinking; after using the toilet; after playing outdoors; when their hands are physically dirty; When they cough or sneeze.</li> </ul>

Physical Distancing – In School	5.4	<p>Increasing separation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reconfigure class spaces to maximize physical distancing</li> <li>2. Utilise and reconfigure all available space in the school in order to maximize physical distancing</li> </ol> <p><u>Decreasing interaction</u></p> <p>Bubbles &amp; Pods at least 1m distance between pupils</p>
Ventilation School will fully comply with Department guidance on the practical steps for good ventilation in accordance with public health advice 'Practical Steps for the Deployment of Good Ventilation Practices in Schools'. (Nov 2020)	5.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Windows will be open as fully as possible when classrooms are not in use (e.g., during break-times or lunch-times (assuming not in use) and also at the end of each school day)</li> <li>• Windows will be partially open when classrooms are in use.</li> <li>• CO2 Monitors to be used in classrooms to assess ventilation. Ventilation will be increased in classrooms if monitor indicates orange/red.</li> </ul>
Masks	5.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical grade masks in the EN14683 category will be provided to all teachers and Staff.</li> <li>• A supply of FFP2 surgical masks will be provided to SNAs and staff involved in close, intimate personal care and aerosol generating activities.</li> <li>• Pupils from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes will be reminded: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-not to touch the face covering and to wash or sanitise their hands (using hand sanitiser) before putting on and after taking off the face covering.</li> <li>-to store face covering in an individually labelled container or bag.</li> <li>-to wash after every day of use and/or before being used again, or if visibly soiled.</li> <li>-not to wear face coverings if they are wet. A wet cloth face covering may make it difficult to breathe.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Wearing of face masks/coverings - exemptions below:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• any pupil with difficulty breathing or other relevant medical conditions</li> <li>• any pupil who is unable to remove the cloth face-covering or visor without assistance</li> <li>• any pupil who has special needs and who may feel upset or very uncomfortable wearing the cloth face covering or visor, for example pupils with intellectual or developmental disabilities, mental health conditions, sensory concerns or tactile sensitivity.</li> </ul> <p>If a child forgets, loses or damages their masks during the course of the school day, the school will have a sufficient supply to replace the mask for the child in case a back-up face covering is needed during the day or where required on an ongoing basis.</p>
Choir/Music	6	Well ventilated room and distancing or Outdoors.
School Activities	6	Refer to HPSC guidelines