



Ballyvary Central NS

Covid-19 Our Response Plan (Abbreviated)

- All staff have completed Department of Education Induction to ensure that they have full knowledge and understanding of all matters related to Covid-19. All staff have completed a return to work form.
- We have reconfigured our classrooms and other areas to support physical distancing.
- We have displayed posters and signs throughout the school.
- Access to school building is curtailed and by appointment only.
- We are maintaining a Contact Log for contact tracing purposes.
- Sanitisers have been mounted at all entrances. We have eight different entrance points to facilitate social distancing.
- Hand hygiene for staff and pupils
 - on arrival
 - before eating and drinking
 - after using the toilet
 - after playing outdoors
 - when they cough or sneeze
- We have decreased interaction in school campus by introducing Bubbles and Pods- children are in Pods from Junior Infants to Second class and third -sixth class are seated 1m apart.
- The school yard has been divided and children stay in their class bubble. Increased supervision has been put in place.
- A Lead Worker Representative and Assistant Lead Worker Representative have been appointed. **Mrs.Carmel Heaney** is the LWR and **Majella Walsh** is the assistant LWR. They will work in collaboration with the school to assist in the implementation of measures to prevent the spread of Covid-19 and monitor the adherence to these measures. They will be involved in communicating the health advice around Covid-19 in the workplace.
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- Dealing with a suspected case of Covid-19.
Staff or pupils should not attend school if displaying symptoms of Covid-19. We are operating a system of temperature checking to add an extra safe-guard to our school community. If a child is running a high temperature over a period of time or displaying any other symptoms of Covid-19 we will contact parents to take the child home. The child will be removed from the class to a waiting area. The teacher will wait with the child until the arrival of a parent/guardian. If the child continues to display symptoms we advise parents to contact their GP for further advice. N.B It is important that we have up to date contact details for all parents/guardians.
- Impact of Covid-19 on certain school activities:
Choir/Music-only in a well ventilated room. Music equipment must not be shared
Art: There will be no sharing of art supplies, scissors and paint brushes must not be shared
Computers: shared devices will be cleaned between uses
Toys: All toys will be cleaned regularly in accordance with guidelines
- For more information and Daily Updates visit www.gov.ie/health-covid-19 or www.hse.ie or <https://www2.hse.ie/under-the-weather/>
- A full version of our Response Plan is available on request.