



St. Patrick's National School

COVID-19 Risk Template – 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th Classes

(List identifies COVID-19 as the hazard and outlines control measures required to deal with this risk)

Covid-19 is a new illness that can affect your lungs and airways. It is caused by a virus called Coronavirus. Symptoms can be mild, moderate, severe or fatal.

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed	Controls Required	Additional Controls
Spread of Covid-19 Coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff • Children • Parent / Visitors to your premises • Cleaners • Contractors • Anyone else who physically comes in contact with you in relation to your business 	<p>Hand Washing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand washing facilities with soap and hot water in place. • Stringent hand washing taking place. • See hand washing guidance. • Drying of hands with disposable paper towels. • https://www2.hse.ie/wellbeing/how-to-wash-your-hands.html • hand-washing rota pod by pod to reduce over-crowding at sinks and cross-contamination • Staff may wish to protect the skin by applying emollient cream regularly. Children may wish to bring their own creams which is suitable for their individual skin. • Children to bring own hand sanitiser. • Gel sanitisers in any area where washing facilities not readily available and in each classroom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff and children to be reminded on a regular basis to wash their hands for 20 seconds with water and soap and the importance of proper drying with disposable towels. Also reminded to catch coughs and sneezes in their elbow. Children to bring in their own tissues, place them in a bag after use to discard at home daily, and sanitise hands after use. • Encourage staff to report any problems and carry out skin checks as part of a skin surveillance programme • To help reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) reminding everyone of the public health advice - https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/protect-yourself-and-others.html

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children will wash/sanitise their hands before eating and after PE. <p><u>Eating/Break Times</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior to eating children will wash their hands pod by pod to avoid overcrowding and cross-contamination by sinks – door stops to be used in bathrooms so that these sinks can be used. Teacher/SNA to pre tear off hand towels that can be used and binned. Paper towel bins will be located outside the toilet and door handles will be wiped down regularly. • Children will have to remain seated at their desks for the entirety of eating lunches. • If weather is good and children are eating outside, children will sanitise rather than wash hands. • Staggered break times will be necessary to enable children to remain in their pods and maintain social distancing <p><u>Equipment</u> Post handling equipment, children will wash their hands. Equipment will be disinfected in afternoons in order to be ready the following morning.</p> <p><i>School bags</i> – no school bags are allowed. Children will only need to bring in a lunch bag (disposable where possible) each day that can fit in their box. Lunch leftovers to be taken home at the end of each day for disposal.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posters, leaflets and other materials are available for display. https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/news/newsfeatures/covid19-updates/partner-resources/ • Teachers will remind children to wash hands or sanitise and try to ensure that hand washing is complete. • Equipment and all classroom areas will be wiped down regularly but more thoroughly on Friday afternoons. • Checks will be carried out by staff to ensure that the necessary procedures are being followed and records kept at check times.
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Risk Assessment carried out by: _____

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