



Holy Cross National School, Firoda, Co Kilkenny
Chairperson: Mons. Michael Ryan
Principal: Ailish Dunne

COVID-19 Policy Statement

Holy Cross National School is committed to *providing* a safe and healthy workplace for all our staff and a safe learning environment for all our pupils. To ensure that, we have developed the following COVID-19 Response Plan. The BOM and all school staff are responsible for the implementation of *this* plan and a combined effort will help contain the spread/ of the virus.

We will:

- Continue to monitor our COVID-19 response and amend this plan *in consultation* with our staff
- Provide up to date information to our staff and pupils on the Public Health advice issued by the HSE and Gov.ie
- Display information on the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and correct hand washing techniques
- Agree with staff, a worker representative who is easily identifiable to carry out the role outlined in this plan
- Inform all staff and pupils of essential hygiene and respiratory etiquette and physical distancing requirements
- Adapt the school to facilitate physical distancing as appropriate in line with the guidance and direction of the Department of Education
- Keep a contact log to help with contact tracing
- Ensure staff engage with the induction / familiarisation briefing provided by the Department of Education
- Implement the agreed procedures to be followed in the event of someone showing Symptoms of COVID-19 while at school

- provide instructions for staff and pupils to follow *if* they develop signs and symptoms of COVID-19 during school time
- implement cleaning in line with Department of Education advice

All school staff *will* be consulted on an ongoing basis and feedback is encouraged on any concerns, issues or suggestions.

This can be done through the lead worker representative(s) who will be supports in line with the *agreement* between the Department and education partners.

Signed: Ailish Dunne – Principal

Mons. Michael Ryan – Chairperson

Date: 4th August 2020