

Bandonbridge National School

Updated Risk Assessments to minimise the risk of being exposed to Covid-19

The process involved consultation with all school staff.

Methodology used for hazard identification and control

In line with the requirements of Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005 (section 19) it is the policy of the BoM in Bandonbridge N.S. to address significant hazards and risks in the workplace, to access the risks to safety, health and welfare and to control these risks as far as is reasonably practicable.

The Board is committed to the ongoing identification of hazards, the assessment of the appropriate risks and the introduction of controls to deal with them. In addition, staff are involved and participate in safety, health and welfare issues within the school and are encouraged to identify and report any potential hazards that may exist and to ensure that a risk assessment is carried out.

This revised Risk Assessment includes all relevant updates and necessary control measures to minimise the risk of staff and others being exposed to Covid-19 and these will be incorporated into the Safety Statement for Bandonbridge N.S. in line with requirements of section 20 of the 2005 Act.

It is envisaged that additional reviews will be undertaken on a regular basis and in line with Government and public health advice to ensure that all information remains accurate, that controls are appropriate and where necessary risks are reassessed.

A hazard is anything with the potential to cause harm to the safety, health or welfare of staff, students, visitors and contractors – a wet or slippery floor, an unguarded machine, stressful work, a blocked entrance, hazardous chemicals etc. Hazards may be classified as physical, chemical, biological, environmental or human.

A risk is the likelihood that someone will be harmed by a hazard and the severity of that harm.

Control measures:

A control measure is an applied measure that reduces the level of risk. Control measures can be applied at the planning stage, can comprise physical measures, can be management issues and can include training. Good control measures will require a combination of some or all of these.

Control measure principles:

Schedule 3 of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005 lists the Principles of Prevention and the Board of Management undertakes to apply these principles (where practicable) in dealing with all risks within the school:

- Avoidance of risks
- Evaluation of unavoidable risks
- Combating of risks at source
- Adaptation of work to the individual
- Adaptation of workplace to technical progress
- Replacement of dangerous articles, substances or systems of work by safe or less dangerous articles, substances or systems of work
- Priority to collective protective measures over individual protective measures
- Development of an adequate prevention policy which takes account of technology, organisation of work, working conditions, social factors and the influence of factors relating to the working environment
- Appropriate training and instructions to employees.

When the safety audit identifies hazards, it is necessary to evaluate and rank them so that they can be controlled in an orderly way. The risk of a hazard is a measure of the likelihood or probability of an accident coupled with the severity of the injury or loss. The risk potential of each hazard was assessed (by ranking) by giving numerical values of between 1 and 5 to both the **severity** of the consequences and the **probability** of the event occurring. When the severity numerical factor and the probability numerical factor were multiplied together, they produced a number between 1 and 25 thereby producing the numerical values outlined in **risk rating** chart below.

Severity x Probability = Risk Rating

Severity

Severity Rating	Interpretation	Numerical Value
Fatality or Catastrophic	Single or multiple fatalities, widespread illness, large scale property or equipment damage	5
Major	Serious injury or illness, significant property or equipment damage	4
Moderate	Injury and damage to property	3
Minor	Minor injury or illness, minor property or equipment damage	2
Trivial	No significant injury or illness, no significant property or equipment damage	1

Probability/Likelihood

Probability Rating	Interpretation	Numerical Value
Inevitable	Likely to occur either immediately or in the short term	5
Very Likely	Could occur in time or if repeated enough	4
Likely	Likely to occur	3
Unlikely	Though unlikely, may occur over time	2
Rare	Unlikely to occur at all	1

Risk Rating

Numerical Value Severity x Probability	Descriptive risk rating	Interpretation
16 – 25	Emergency – Extremely serious	Risks are unacceptable and immediate action required justifying special
	If an incident were to occur, it would be likely	maintenance. Activity should be halted and stopped until the hazard is
	that a permanent, debilitating injury or death	eliminated or appropriate risk controls are put in place.
	would result	
11 – 15	Severe and Serious	Activity can proceed but substantial efforts should be made to reduce the
	If an incident were to occur, it would be likely	risk. Risk reduction measures should be implemented urgently within a
	that an injury requiring medical treatment would	defined time period and it might be necessary to consider suspending or
	result.	restricting the activity or to apply interim control measures until this has been
		completed.
6 – 10	Medium	Activity can proceed but consideration should be given as to whether the risks
	If an incident were to occur, there would be	can be lowered. Control measures must be monitored and reviewed as
	some chance that an injury requiring First Aid	required to ensure they remain suitable and sufficient.
	treatment would result	
1-5	Trivial or Negligible	No additional controls are necessary as these risks are considered acceptable.
	If an incident were to occur, there would be little	Activity should be regularly reviewed to ensure there is no change to the risk
	likelihood that an injury would result	rating and that controls are maintained.

^{*}Note: A numerical rating has been used in column 4 of the risk assessment sheets to describe the risk potential for the hazard identified This method has been used in an attempt to ensure that the levels of risk will be understood and clear to all those operating within the school.

Risk Assessment Overview

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

Hazards	Is the hazard present ? Y/N	What is the risk?	Risk rating H=High M=Medium L=Low	Controls (When all controls are in place risk will be reduced)	Is this control in place?	Action/to do list/outstanding controls *Risk rating applies to outstanding controls outlined in this column	Person responsible	Signature and date when action completed
COVID-19	N	Illness	Н	School Covid19 Response Plan in place in line with Department of Education guidance and the Work Safely Protocol and public health advice	Yes	Follow public health guidance from HSE re hygiene and respiratory etiquette	All staff Rosalind	
			Complete School COVID-19 Policy Statement	Forde/Fiona Giles				
						Return to Work Forms received and reviewed	Fiona Giles	
						Induction Training provided	Rosalind Forde/Fiona Giles	
						Contact log in place	Michelle O'Mahony	
						Complete checklists as required: School Management	Rosalind Forde/Fiona Giles	
						How to deal with a suspected case	Rosalind Forde/Fiona	
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If there is one or more High Risk (H) actions needed, then the risk of injury could be high and immediate action should be taken. Medium Risk (M) actions should be dealt with as soon as possible. Low Risk (L) actions should be dealt with as soon as practicable.

Risk Assessment carried out by:

Rosalind Forde and Fiona Giles

Who may be affected?	Identified Risks	Risk Communication, Education and Training Controls	Risk Rating with controls	Action implementation
Staff	Persons currently deemed most at risk of complications if they catch the coronavirus are: • 60 years of age and over • have long-term medical conditions – i.e. heart disease, lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer • pregnant women Known effects of the coronavirus: • A fever (high temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above) • A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry cough • Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties • Loss of sense of smell • Loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste • Death	The Board of Management will develop a response plan for the prevention and mitigation of Covid-19 following a risk assessment of the school facility. This plan will highlight the measures necessary to protect the health and safety of staff in reopening and modifying the work arrangements within the school. The staff representative(s) will be properly consulted when developing and implementing the action plan for the prevention and mitigation of Covid-19 within the school and all staff will be informed about the measures being introduced, using specific risk communication and staff engagement approaches. The Board of Management will: ✓ Ensure that all staff receive necessary training prior to returning to work ✓ Provide posters, information and electronic message boards to increase awareness of Covid-19 among staff and pupils. ✓ Promote safe individual practices within the school campus ✓ Engage with staff in providing feedback on the preventive measures and their effectiveness ✓ Provide regular information about the risk of Covid-19 using official sources, such as government agencies (HSE, HSA, etc.) and the World Health Organisation ✓ Emphasise the effectiveness of adopting protective measures especially good personal hygiene ✓ Provide specific training in the proper use of PPE for staff, where required − posters displayed around the school	Negligible	Board of Management Principal Staff
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Who may be affected?	Identified Risks	Hygiene Controls	Risk Rating with controls	Action implementation
All staff Pupils Visitors Contractors Public	Persons currently deemed most at risk of complications if they catch the coronavirus are: • 60 years of age and over • have long-term medical conditions – i.e. heart disease, lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer • pregnant women Known effects of the coronavirus: • A fever (high temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above) • A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry cough • Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties • Loss of sense of smell • Loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste • Death	The BoM will ensure that all staff can wash their hands regularly. Water (hot in some locations) and appropriate santitisers (i.e. hand gel dispensers, etc.) will be available throughout the school. Staff should: ✓ Wash their hands properly and often. Hands should be washed: ○ After coughing or sneezing ○ Before and after eating or preparing food ○ Before and after being on public transport ○ When arriving and leaving the school campus ○ After toilet use ✓ Cover their mouth and nose with a tissue or their sleeve when coughing and sneezing. ✓ Put used tissues into a bin and wash their hands ✓ Develop a routine of increased cleaning and disinfecting of frequently touched objects and surfaces The BoM will supply required cleaning products, will ensure the correct use and storage of disinfectants and will ensure all products are stored safely and securely. No employees are permitted to attend work if they display any of the symptoms below: - ✓ Fever (temperature of 37.5 degrees or above) ✓ Cough ✓ Shortness of breath ✓ Breathing difficulties Any Staff Member displaying symptoms must self-isolate and not attend school for 14 days Any Staff Member living with someone who is self-isolating or waiting for a Covid-19 test must restrict their movements for 14 days. Any Staff Member who has tested positive for Covid-19 must not return to work until deemed fit to do so and upon approval of their medical advisor Staff can follow https://www2.hse.ie/ for regular updates or can contact HSELive for advice	Requires monitoring	Board of Management Principal Staff Visitors
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Who may be affected?	Identified Risks	Social Distancing Controls	Risk Rating with controls	Action implementation
All staff Pupils Visitors Contractors Public	Persons currently deemed most at risk of complications if they catch the coronavirus are: • 60 years of age and over • have long-term medical conditions – i.e. heart disease, lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer • pregnant women Known effects of the coronavirus: • A fever (high temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above) • A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry cough • Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties	Physical distancing is currently a key control measure in reducing the spread of infection. The Board of Mangement will ensure that: ✓ all persons will adhere to relevant social distancing rules in relation to entering the school, use of welfare facilities and while working in the school ✓ physical spacing (2 metres apart currently) for work stations and common spaces, such as entrances/exits, lifts, kitchen areas, canteens, stairs, where congregation or queuing of staff, or students of visitors might occur ✓ Break times will be staggered and school supervision procedures must be strictly adhered to ✓ Appropriate signage in line with public health guidelines will be displayed throughout school facility (buildings and grounds) ✓ Appropriate social distancing arangements will be in place throughout the facility ✓ Meetings of staff will take place online and by using teleconferencing facilities ✓ There is currently a strict no handshaking policy in place within the school ✓ All staff, contractors and visitors should avoid direct physical contact with any other persons as far as possible ✓ Parents/Guardians	Requires monitoring	Board of Management Principal Staff Visitors
Risk Level Calculation	Loss of sense of smell Loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste Death	Where 2 metre distance cannot be maintained Requirements for personnel working within 2 metres of each other (where activity cannot be suspended): ✓ No worker has symptoms of Covid-19 ✓ The close contact work cannot be avoided ✓ Installation of physical barriers e.g. clear plastic sneeze guards ✓ PPE is present in line with the approved risk assessment (full face mask, gloves, etc) and public health advice ✓ An exclusion zone for <2m work will be set up pre task commencement ✓ Prior to donning appropriate PPE, staff will wash/sanitise their hands thoroughly ✓ SNAs and Support Teachers who cannot socially distance from the pupils with whom they are work must wear medical grade face covering and follow government guidelines regarding correct usage and disposal ■ Risk Level Action 1-5 Trivial risk Acceptable	Serious	
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Who may be affected?	Identified Risks	Cleaning Controls	Risk Rating with controls	Action implementation
Staff especially cleaning staff	Spread of Covid-19 virus Persons currently deemed most at risk of complications if they catch the coronavirus are: • 60 years of age and over • have long-term medical conditions – i.e. heart disease, lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer • pregnant women Known effects of the coronavirus: • A fever (high temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above) • A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry cough • Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties • Loss of sense of smell • Loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste • Death	All cleaning will be undertaken in line with DES and public health guidance. ✓ Staff are responsible for cleaning personal items that have been brought to work and items handled at work or during breaks. Staff advised to clean personal items that they have bring to work (e.g. mobile phones) and to avoid leaving them down on communal surfaces or they will need to clean the surface after the personal item is removed Cleaning staff will be trained in the new cleaning arrangements for the school Sufficient cleaning materials and PPE will be available to allow for increased cleaning Cleaning staff will be instructed to wear gloves when cleaning and are aware of the need to wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water, both before and after wearing gloves ✓ System in place for the disposable of cleaning cloths and used wipes in a rubbish bag Current HSE guidance recommends waste such as cleaning waste, tissues etc. from a person suspected of having Covid-19 should be double bagged and stored in a secure area for 72 hours before being presented for general waste collection ✓ System in place to make sure reusable cleaning equipment including mop heads and non-disposable cloths are clean before re-use ✓ System in place to ensure that equipment such as buckets are emptied and cleaned with a fresh solution of disinfectant before re-use ✓ Two steam cleaners are available in the Infant classrooms for use on difficult to clean items: beanbags, soft toys etc.	Requires monitoring	Board of Management Principal Staff
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Who may be affected?	Identified Risks	Use of PPE	Risk Rating with controls	Action implementation	
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Staff	Spread of Covid-19 virus	The correct use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) such as face shields/visors or clear plastic barriers or Perspex screens etc. may be required in some circumstances to address		Board of Management Principal	
	Persons currently deemed most at risk of complications if	identified risks of spread of the virus.		Staff	
	 they catch the coronavirus are: 60 years of age and over have long-term medical conditions – i.e. heart disease, 	Where PPE is required by staff, they will be notified accordingly and be provided with the necessary PPE and provided with training and information in the proper use, cleaning, storage and disposal of PPE.			
	lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer • pregnant women	PPE needs to be consistently and properly worn when required. In addition, it must be regularly inspected, cleaned, maintained and replaced as necessary.	Requires		
	Known effects of the coronavirus:	PPE will not be required to be worn within the school facility according to current occupational and public health guidance.	monitoring		
	• A fever (high temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above)	Current general guidance from the HSE in relation to the wearing of face coverings, masks and gloves is available at the following Link:			
	• A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry	https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/face-masks-disposable-gloves.html			
	cough • Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties	Medical grade face masks will be available to all staff. SNAs and Support teachers must we these masks when working closely with pupils.	ar		
	Loss of sense of smell Loss of sense of taste or	Gloves are not required generally within the workplace for infection prevention and control purposes according to current guidance. Due to the risks associated with the usage of glov			
	distortion of sense of taste • Death	the Board of Management will not be providing gloves to staff for general use.			
		*Face coverings are not recommended to be worn by children under 13 years.			
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Who may be affected?	Identified Risks	Handling books and other resources during Covid-19 Controls	Risk Rating with controls	Action implementation
Staff (particularly SNAs, school secretaries and schoolbook rental co-ordinator)	Persons currently deemed most at risk of complications if they catch the coronavirus are: • 60 years of age and over • have long-term medical conditions – i.e. heart disease, lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer • pregnant women Known effects of the coronavirus: • A fever (high temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above) • A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry cough • Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties • Loss of sense of smell • Loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste • Death	The Board of Management must prepare for the return of schoolbooks (book rental scheme) and other resource materials (including IT equipment) so that these will be available to pupils for the reopening of the school. The following guidelines are recommended for staff when receiving or assisting in compiling resource packs: • Maintain physical distancing (currently 2 metres) • Observe good hygiene (hand washing and respiratory etiquette, do not touch your eyes, nose, mouth with unwashed hands, etc.) before and after handling books and other materials returned to the school • Follow the agreed school protocols if you are displaying symptoms of Covid-19 • Any books or other items (resource packs, computers, etc.) being returned to the school should be quarantined for 72 hours. Quarantining means placing these items in sealed boxes that are labelled with the time and date of the start of the 72-hour quarantine period. These boxes should be stored in a separate location away from active work areas within the school • Following the expiry of the 72-hour quarantine period the items may be unboxed, cleaned and prepared for reopening • Hands should be washed in line with relevant guidance • Teachers will keep a record of the books provided to pupils under our school Book Rental Scheme. Pupils from 2 nd – 6 th class will be provided with a box in which to store their books. Pupils will not share textbooks or handle books allocated to other pupils. • Where reading books are circulated between pupils in younger classes, the books will be quarantined for 72 hours before being passed to another pupil.	Requires monitoring	Board of Management Principal Staff
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Who may be affected? Identified Risks	Using hand tools or equipment	Risk Rating with controls	Action implementation
All staff Spread of Covid-19 virus Persons currently deemed most at risk of complications if they catch the coronavirus are 60 years of age and over have long-term medical conditions – i.e. heart disease, lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer pregnant women Known effects of the coronavirus: A fever (high temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above) A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry cough Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties Loss of sense of smell Loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste Death	 ✓ Arrangements should be put in place for one individual to use the same tool, equipment and machinery as far as is reasonably practicable ✓ Cleaning material will be available so that all tools can be wiped down with disinfectant between each use: only alcohol wipes should be used to cleanse computer kepboards, monitors, iPad screens, Soundfields for hearing impaired pupils etc. ✓ All mobile machinery must be thoroughly cleaned and santisied prior to use 	Requires monitoring	Board of Management Principal Staff
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Who may be affected?	Identified Risks	Dealing with a suspected case of Covid-19	Risk Rating with controls	Action implementation
Staff Pupils Visitors Contractors	Persons currently deemed most at risk of complications if they catch the coronavirus are: • 60 years of age and over • have long-term medical conditions – i.e. heart disease, lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer • pregnant women Known effects of the coronavirus: • A fever (high temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above) • A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry cough • Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties • Loss of sense of smell • Loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste • Death	The Board of Management will: ✓ Appoint an appropriate person for dealing with suspected cases. The Principal, LWR and the School Secretary will primarily take responsibility for dealing with suspected cases. ✓ Have a designated isolation area available within the school building. Our designated isolation room is at the top of the corridor off the main reception area. The designated area and the route to the designated area should be easily accessible and as far as is reasonable and practicable, should be accessible by people with disabilities. The possibility of having more than one person displaying signs of Covid-19 needs to be considered so having additional isolation areas available or another contingency plan for dealing with additional cases must be planned. It would be important that the designated area has the ability to isolate the person behind a closed door and away from other workers If a person displays symptoms of Covid-19 the following procedure is to be implemented: ✓ Isolate the person and have a procedure in place to accompany the individual to the designated isolation area via the isolation route, keeping at least 2 metres away from the symptomatic person and also making sure that others maintain a distance of at least 2 metres from the symptomatic person at all times. ✓ Provide a mask for the person presenting with symptoms if one is available. He/she should wear the mask if in a common area with other people or while exiting the premises. ✓ Assess whether the individual who is displaying symptoms can immediately be directed to go home and call their doctor and continue self-isolation at home.	Requires	Board of Management Principal Staff
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Who may be affected?	Identified Risks	Covid-19 cleaning	Risk Rating	Action implementation
		Controls	with controls	
Staff Pupils Visitors	Persons currently deemed most at risk of complications if they catch the coronavirus are: • 60 years of age and over • have long-term medical conditions – i.e. heart disease, lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer • pregnant women Known effects of the coronavirus: • A fever (high temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above) • A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry cough • Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties • Loss of sense of smell • Loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste • Death	All cleaning will be undertaken in line with DES and public health guidance. ✓ It is recommended cleaning an area with normal household disinfectant after a suspected coronavirus (Covid-19) case. This wil reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people ✓ The area should be kept closed and secure for 72 hours (if possible) for cleaning as the amount of virus living on surfaces will have reduced significantly by 72 hours ✓ For cleaning purposes, wear a face mask, disposable or washing up gloves. These should be double-bagged, then stored securely for 72 hours and then put with the regular rubbish after cleaning is finished. ✓ Using a disposable cloth, first clean hard surfaces with warm soapy water. Then disinfect these surfaces with the cleaning products you normally use. Pay particular attention to frequently touched areas and surfaces, such as toilets, banisters on stairwells and door handles ✓ If an area has been heavily contaminated, such as with visible bodily fluids, from a person with coronavirus (Covid-19) consider using protection for the eyes, mouth and nose, as well as wearing gloves and apron ✓ Wash hands regularly with soap and water for 20 seconds and after removing gloves, aprons and other protection used while cleaning ✓ Public areas where a symptomatic individual has passed through and spent minimal time, such as corridors, but which are not visibly contaminated with body fluids can be cleaned as normal ✓ All surfaces that the symptomatic person has come into contact with must be cleaned and disinfected, including objects which are visibly contaminated with body fluids	Serious Requires monitoring	Board of Management Principal Cleaning staff
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Who may be affected?	Identified Risks	Cleaning a space with a suspected/confirmed case of Covid-19	Risk Rating with controls	Action implementation
Staff Pupils Visitors	-	All cleaning will be undertaken in line with DES and public health guidance. Use disposable cloths or paper roll and disposable mob heads to clean all hard surfaces, floors, chairs, door handles and sanitary fittings, using an approved and recognised detergent and disinfectant in line with the manufacturer's instructions for dilution, aplication and contact times Disinfectants used should be effective against viruses. Additionally: Avoid creating splashes and spray when cleaning. Any cloths and mop heads used must be disposed of and should be put into waste bags as outlined below. When items cannot be cleaned using detergents or laundered, steam cleaning should be used Any items that have been heavily contaminated with bodyfluids and that cannot be cleaned by washing should be disposed of If possible, keep an area closed off and secure for 72 hours. After this time the amount of virus contamination will have decreased substantially, and cleaning can take place as normal	Serious Requires monitoring	Board of Management Principal Cleaning staff
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Who may be affected?	Identified Risks	Cleaning a space with a suspected/confirmed case of Covid-19 (continued) Controls	Risk Rating with controls	Action implementation
Staff Pupils Visitors	Persons currently deemed most at risk of complications if they catch the coronavirus are: • 60 years of age and over • have long-term medical conditions – i.e. heart disease, lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer • pregnant women Known effects of the coronavirus: • A fever (high temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above) • A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry cough • Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties • Loss of sense of smell • Loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste • Death	Wash items in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Use the warmest water setting and dry items completely. Dirty laundry that has been in contact with an unwell person can be washed with other people's items. Do not shake dirty laundry as this minimises the possibility of dispersing the virus through the air ✓ Clean and disinfect anything used for transporting laundry with your usual products, in line with the cleaning guidance outlined above Waste Management ✓ Waste should be put in a plastic rubbish bag and tied when full ✓ The plastic bag should then be placed in a second bin bag and tied ✓ It should be put in a suitable and secure place and marked for storage until the individual's test results are known ✓ All waste should be stored safely and kept away from children. You should not put waste in communal waste areas until negative test results are known or the waste has been stored for at least 72 hours ✓ If the individual tests negative, the waste can be put in with the normal waste. If the individual tests positive, then store it for at least 72 hours and put in with the normal waste	Serious Requires monitoring	Board of Management Principal Cleaning staff
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Who may be affected?	Identified Risks	Travel to and from work	Risk Rating	Action implementation
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Who may be affected?	Identified Risks	Dropping off and picking up of pupils Controls	Risk Rating with controls	Action implementation
Bus and taxi drivers	Spread of Covid-19 virus Persons currently deemed most at risk of complications if they catch the coronavirus are: • 60 years of age and over • have long-term medical conditions – i.e. heart disease, lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer • pregnant women Known effects of the coronavirus: • A fever (high temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above) • A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry cough • Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties • Loss of sense of smell • Loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste • Death	Arrangements for dropping off and picking up pupils from the school facility will be organised to maintain, as far as is reasonably practicable, a safe social distance between drivers/parents/guardians and all school staff. Where pupils travel by public transport the Board of Management will provide a designated drop off/awaiting area (where possible) that supports social distancing measures. This is the assigned area in front of the school building. Parents/guardians will be encouraged to wait in the car outside of the school until the gate is opened at 8:45. Only parents/guardians of Infant classes are allowed to walk their child to the class waiting area. All adults accessing the school ground must wear a face mask and adhere to social distancing rules. To facilitate ease of egress at the end of the school day the following applies: Junior and Senior Infants wait in separate areas of the school yard for their parents/guardians to collect them. Junior Infant parents/guardians use the main gate for access Senior Infant parents/guardians use the pedestrian gate for access Pupils who use school transport will leave classrooms first at the end of the day Once the buses have left, parents/guardians may enter the car park to facilitate safe dispersal of children – social distancing must be maintained and face masks worn Parents/guardians must not approach teachers face-to-face in the school yard – all meetings/conversations will be via phone, email or Zoom call	Requires monitoring	Board of Management Principal Staff Bus and taxi drivers
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Who may be affected?	Identified Risks	Visitors to		Risk Rating with controls	Action implementation
Staff Pupils Wider Community	Spread of Covid-19 virus Persons currently deemed most at risk of complications if they catch the coronavirus are: • 60 years of age and over • have long-term medical conditions – i.e. heart disease, lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer • pregnant women Known effects of the coronavirus: • A fever (high temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above) • A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry cough • Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties • Loss of sense of smell • Loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste • Death	=	and wellbeing of all visitors to the school visitors will be asked to: before visiting the school ve any Covid-19 symptoms protocols for the school e premises on entry to building	Requires monitoring	Board of Management Principal
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Who may be affected?					Action implementation
Staff Pupils Drivers Wider Community	Persons currently deemed most at risk of complications if they catch the coronavirus are: • 60 years of age and over • have long-term medical conditions – i.e. heart disease, lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer • pregnant women Known effects of the coronavirus: • A fever (high temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above) • A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry cough • Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties • Loss of sense of smell • Loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste • Death	 Ensure that all delivery transactions con Agree a delivery protocol with supplier All deliveries to be planned with allocations arrangements to be made for paperless System to be agreed with suppliers to a suppliers to be made for paperless 	ted times for collections and deliveries ss deliveries	Requires monitoring	Board of Management Principal Staff Delivery personnel
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