

Scoil Chormaic Covid 19-Risk Assessment

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For the purpose of this specific document and the measures outlined, the Hazard being assessed against is Covid-19

		<i>Dealing with a suspected case of Covid-19</i>		
Who may be Affected	Identified Risk	Control Measures in Place	Risk Rating with Controls	Personnel Responsible for implementation and compliance with Control Measures
All school staff. Students	<p>Spread of Covid-19 virus</p> <p>Persons currently deemed most at risk of complications if they catch the coronavirus are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Parents/Carers have been advised that if their child or anyone in their household is displaying symptoms of Covid 19 then they are to remain at home. The symptoms include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fever- A temperature of 38 or above. ○ A Cough ○ Shortness of breath ○ Breathing difficulties ○ Loss or change to sense of smell or taste. ○ Sore throat ➤ Isolation areas have been identified and prepared in the school and all staff made aware of their location and 	<p>High Risk: Requires very close monitoring and adherence to protocols.</p>	<p><i>BOM,Principal.</i></p> <p>Provision of all resources required for the appropriately management of symptomatic cases within the school environment..</p> <p><i>All School Staff</i></p> <p>Follow all required protocols with regard to the appropriate management of a symptomatic case</p>

	<p>Known effects of the coronavirus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fever (high temperature of 38 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 <p>Risks of Spread of infection from failure to appropriately manage a symptomatic case within the school environment.</p>	<p>when/how they are to be used.</p> <p>If a pupil develops symptoms of Covid 19 while at school the following measures will be followed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pupil will be checked by the school nurse. ➤ A decision will be made that the symptoms present are a cause for concern and meet the criteria for them to be escorted to the isolation area. The assigned school personnel making this decision are the School Principal, Lorraine Lowry, Deputy Principal Helena Sweeney and School Nurse Caitriona Shortt. ➤ Your child will be moved to an isolation area and kept 2 metre away from other pupils. Staff will remain 2 metres away unless it is unsafe to do so and will be wearing appropriate PPE in any event ➤ The parent/guardian will be contacted immediately and the child must be collected from school as soon as possible. ➤ We will endeavour to make our students feel safe and comfortable if any of the above arises. The level of care your child receives will not suffer as a result of the new necessary procedures. ➤ The school will only be in a position to ascertain that a child has observable symptoms that may or may not be consistent with Covid 19. It remains the responsibility of the G.P. to make the determination if symptoms merit a referral for testing. ➤ Your child will not be permitted back to school until the following conditions are met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Written confirmation from your GP that they are not a Suspected Case and then only when 		<p>within the school environment. .</p> <p>Communication of issues or concerns via outlined pathways</p> <p><i>Lead Worker Representative.</i></p> <p>To support staff in fulfilling their responsibilities in relation to the appropriate management a symptomatic case within the school environment and to bring any issues or concerns to the attention of school management.</p>
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		<p>their symptoms are gone.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ On receipt of a Negative result following a test for Covid 19 and once their symptoms have gone. ✓ 14 Days after the receipt of a positive result and 5 days clear of all symptoms. ✓ Consult with school before returning to school. <p>➤ Staff that are in contact with a symptomatic case within school will maintain social/distancing of 2 metres (unless unsafe to do so), undertake hand hygiene measures prior to and after such contact will use the following PPE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Face covering/mask. ✓ Eye protection/visor ✓ Disposal plastic apron. <p>➤ All PPE used in the event of a dealing with a Symptomatic case will be double bagged and stored for 72 hours before being disposed of in general waste.</p> <p>If a member of staff develops symptoms of Covid 19 in the course of the day the following measures will be undertaken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The staff member will immediately remain a 2 metre distance from all other staff members and pupils and keep their face covering in place. ➤ If the staff member is too unwell to travel home themselves, they will remain in the isolation room until such time as arrangements can be made for them to go home. ➤ If the staff member is well enough to travel home themselves and is confident that doing so will not put them in harm, then they may travel home themselves. ➤ Staff will be advised to seek medical advice from their 		
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