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

		Travelling to and from school. Dropping and picking up of pupils		
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	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	 Bus Eireann are responsible for our school transport system and therefore have control over the allocation of bus routes, collection times, contracts, the vehicles that are used for those routes, their maintenance, upkeep and cleaning. School is responsible for the provision of escorts on each of the bus routes to and from school. All escorts will receive all the training, information, PPE available to all other staff members to support them in the effective fulfilment of their roles. Escorts will wear face coverings/medical grade masks while travelling on the buses with pupils. All pupils will be encouraged and supported to 	Medium Risk: Requires monitoring	BOM, Principal. Provision of all relevant resources required for the appropriately management of travelling to and from school or at drop off or collection. This done in conjunction with Bus Eireann who run and are responsible for our school transport

Known effects of the coronavirus:

- 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

Risks of Spread of infection from during travelling to and from school or at drop off or collection.

- wear face coverings/masks (with an understanding that this may not be feasible for many of our pupils travelling on the bus).
- Pupils will travel to and from school on pre assigned seating and these will be kept consistently throughout.
- Seating will be assigned with siblings sitting close to each other firstly, followed by children from the same class (or Pod) and then with children from the same Bubble (grouping of classes- see Section 3 Social Distancing)
- Buses will be kept well ventilated insofar as is practicable for the duration of travel.
- Staff that are travelling together from different households have been advised on public health advice to wear face coverings in such circumstances.
- School start and finish times have been staggered so as to limit interaction on arrival and departure from school and in shared areas.
- Only in exceptional circumstances (medical necessity, emergency circumstance) can children be dropped to school by their parents and only with the agreement of, and arrangement with the school principal

system.

All School Staff

Follow all required protocols with regard to the appropriate management of drop off and collection times from school transport.

Communication of issues or concerns via outlined pathways

Lead Worker Representative.

To support staff in fulfilling their responsibilities in relation to the appropriate management of drop offs and collection of pupils and to bring any issues or concerns to the attention of school management.