



## *St. Michael's College COVID-19 Policy Statement*

St. Michael's College is committed to providing a safe and healthy workplace for all our staff and a safe learning environment for all our students.

The BOM and all school staff are responsible for the implementation of our Covid-19 Response 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 students 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 the.
- inform all staff and students of essential hygiene and respiratory etiquette and physical distancing requirements.
- adapt the school to facilitate physical distancing as appropriate in line with the public health guidance and direction of the Department of Education.
- keep a contact log to help with contact tracing. This contact log will be kept in a secure location.
- ensure staff and students 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 students to follow if they develop signs and symptoms of COVID-19 during school time.

- implement cleaning in line with Department of Education advice.

The school will endeavor to update all relevant policies.eg: Health & Safety Statement; Code of Behaviour. Etc.

Protocols will be drafted for required procedures relevant to the whole school community.

All school staff will be consulted on an ongoing basis, and feedback will be encouraged on any concerns, issues or suggestions. This can be done through the Lead Worker Representative(s), who will be supported in line with the agreement between the Department and education partners.

Signed: Brian Behan Date: 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020