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Scoil Chríost Rí - Draft Plan For School Reopening

The Board of Management of Scoil Chríost Rí has responsibility for the development and implementation of this return to school plan. The staff and parent representatives were consulted as part of this process. It is a living, flexible plan which will change over time. When we are settled into school, we will consult with the pupils and offer them the opportunity to feed into our plan. Reopening our school requires accepting that the goal is risk management and that there is no such thing as zero risk here. We are using strategies combined with small interventions as our defense strategy. There is no single control that will solve this problem, there is no single entity that is responsible for keeping everyone safe. Successfully reopening the school and keeping it open, will require ongoing cooperation and collaboration between parents, pupils and school staff. Everyone has a critical role to play.

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1. HEALTHY BUILDING

The safe isolation area for anyone feeling unwell during the day is a dedicated area within the classroom. It needs to be labelled and stocked appropriately.

Warm water is available in the new building and cold water in the old building for hand washing in classrooms, staff room and toilets.

Hand sanitizers have been installed at the entrance and exit points. Hand sanitizers will be available in all classrooms. Soaps dispensers are installed in all toilets. Disposable tissue dispensers have been installed in all classrooms, staff room and will be installed in the toilets and extra bins will be provided also.

Secretary is always the only person in her office.

A new training regime to be introduced which includes after school cleaning and in school hours cleaning. New signage to be placed throughout the school to promote proper physical distancing proper handwashing and proper hygiene practices.

Access to the building during school hours to be restricted to essential personnel and pupils only. School personnel to be supplied with face masks and visors for use in the school. PP E is to be available to all staff who need.

Schedules for moving around the school to be formulated, please observe these strictly.

2. HEALTHY CLASSROOMS

In classrooms teachers and pupils can prevent the spread of COVID-19 by washing and or sanitizing their hands maximizing physical distancing, wearing face coverings and avoiding shared objects.

All classrooms will have soap dispensers and disposable tissue dispensers and access to a sink and water. Pupils are shown how to use hand sanitizers and how to wash and dry hands properly. Classroom schedules for hand washing and sanitizing will be followed in each classroom. Pupils are told the agreed handwashing and hand sanitizing schedules and procedures. Time will be set aside each day for these schedules and procedures.

Cleaning of classrooms will take place during school hours and after school. Touch points will be regularly cleaned. All shared objects must be cleaned between uses. Teachers will clean their desks and work area every day before leaving the classroom. All nonessential furniture has been removed from classrooms to maximize physical distancing. All furniture that remains will be organized in such a way as to maximize the distance between pupils and to keep a 1-metre distance around teacher's desk.

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Classrooms should be kept well ventilated during the day.

Teachers must wear face masks and or visors in the classrooms where the two metre distance can't be maintained. Pupils may wear face masks in class if they wish. Pupils are shown how to wear and care for masks. Time is built in each day where teachers and pupils do not have to wear masks.

Pupils will use their own books and materials as much as possible and sharing of items will be discouraged.

Keep 1 to 2 metres between individuals as much as possible for as long as possible. Keep class groups as distinct and separate as possible especially when moving around the school at breaks and dismissal, limit pupils moving between classrooms. Each class would remain isolated from other classes in their own bubble for the school day to limit transmission chains. Pupils are reminded of the importance of physical distancing. Groups in classes may be organized into pods to limit transmission chains. Pupils should sit at the same desk with the same group each day. Desks and chairs must be left clear of all objects for cleaning at the end of the day. Teachers are encouraged to have a class outside if suitable.

Teachers will design their own in class schedules while coordinating with other teachers and following the agreed schoolwide procedures. Division of the yard for both classrooms will limit numbers in shared areas.

End of day dismissal will be coordinated to limit numbers in shared areas. An exclusion zone around the teacher's desk will be marked out.

3. PHYSICAL DISTANCING

Junior infants to 2nd class will be referred to as the Junior Bubble from now on. The individual class groupings in this room eg, junior infants, senior infants, 1st and 2nd class will be known as Pods.

3rd class to 6th class will be referred to as the Senior Bubble from now on. The individual class groupings in this room will be referred to as Pods.

Junior Bubble - there is no physical distancing recommended for junior infants to 2nd class. All classes use the normal classes with teachers creating PODS /groups.

Senior Bubble- there is 1 metre of physical distancing recommended for 3rd to 6th class.

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4. ENTRY AND DISMISSAL TIMES

There is no official staggering of entry times. Instead we are creating a wide enough window of access to allow all pupils uncrowded access over 20 minutes with a recommendation that physical distancing protocols are observed by walking in. This avoids crowding at the school door.

School door will be open from 8:45. Pupil and parents should not touch any school surfaces where possible. Parents leave children at school yard or door and immediately leave the area.

Pupils entering school are recommended to wash their hands properly before leaving home. On entering they school they will sanitise their hands and go directly to their classroom and sit in their assigned seat.

No parents are allowed access to school buildings except in an emergency or in the event of a suspected case of Covid.

If for some other reason, a parent or visitor must enter the building, a School Contact Tracing Log must be filled.

EXIT/DISMISSAL

Entrance: All children will enter the school through the front door (blue door).

Exit: The senior bubble will exit through the back door(brown door)

The Junior bubble will exit through the front door (blue door)

5. ACCESS TO THE SCHOOL

It is imperative that every effort be made to have children arrive to school on time.

Parents collecting children for appointments:

Parents of Senior Bubble pupils are to wait at the door of the new building (brown door).

Parents of the Junior Bubble pupils are to wait at the door to the old building (blue door) for their child.

Parents dropping off forgotten lunch etc. must place the item on the table just inside the door with the child's name clearly marked on it. Items for junior bubble children at front door (blue door).

Items for senior bubble children at back door (brown door).

Deliveries: left outside main door/docket affixed to delivery

Any other visitors must phone beforehand and make an appointment.... cigire....

NEPS.....priest/parish.....

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6. BREAK TIMES

For both breaks, children will have 10 minutes to hand sanitise, eat their lunch and hand sanitise again before entering the yard.

SUPERVISION Teachers will ensure that classes play in their designated area only in the yard in so far as possible.

7. CLEANING

An extra hour to hour needs to be added daily from Monday to Thursday for after school cleaning. A cleaning grant has been given in respect of this.

New Building : Staff room, staff toilets, light switches, children's toilets and hand basins. All tables and chairs cleaned down, windowsills cleaned, door handles and touch points cleaned.

Old building: children's toilets and hand basins. All tables and chairs cleaned down, windowsills cleaned, door handles and touch points cleaned.

In-school cleaning routines include cleaning of touch points such as taps, toilet flusher, door handles/knobs/light switches. Ensuring that hand sanitisers and paper dispensers are topped up each day and refilled. Job of dispensing of bins full of used paper towels to be done by cleaner. Photocopiers to be wiped down each time used with wipes.

GP room to be swept and washed /touch points to be cleaned after use

8. CURRICULUM PLANNING AND TIMETABLING

DES recommends that we prioritise settling in and feeling safe first.

Language, maths, PE and SPHE are being prioritised. And SESE through integrated and thematic approach. There will be no swimming this year. All pupils and teachers must sanitise hands before and after using PE equipment. All PE should be held outside, and any equipment cleaned down and ready for next class usage. Music: Tin-whistles etc absolutely no sharing of instruments.

9. PPE & 10. TRAINING.

Visors/masks/gloves/ plastic aprons and whatever else is required will be provided. Training module will be provided for all staff from DES before we return to work.

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11. SPECIAL EDUCATION

There will be a mixture of withdrawal and in-class support.

Learning support teacher will go into class and withdrawal afterwards with groups needing extra help with literacy and numeracy/social and emotional/dyslexia.

In class should be based on the learning support teacher taking a small group for extra work during core subjects.

12. RISK ASSESSMENTS

To be confirmed.

13. JUNIOR INFANT INDUCTION

Junior Infants will be meet and greeted at the door on opening morning. Pictures to be taken outside of school on the morning. SET will be available to supervise.

14. CLASSROOM TEACHING MATERIALS AND PROCEDURES

SEESAW used as an online tool for marking /correcting work.

Concrete materials divided out so as that same manipulatives used by same children no crossing over of resources.

Teachers will have the option of using gloves when handling student material. Children will correct their own work when possible.

Procedures will be established for pupils to clean and be responsible for their own work as part of daily routines for each child.

15. CROKE PARK HOURS

Croke Park hours will be used for training, new school procedures, classroom systems, physical distancing, The remainder will be used for executing general Covid Procedures

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16. ICT DEVELOPMENT / REMOTE LEARNING

SEESAW , Microsoft Teams, Zoom– if, having returned to school , the school goes into lockdown, the remote teaching methods of Seesaw, Microsoft Teams or Zoom will be used. Staff Training in ICT usage in the 1st term.

There is a page on the school website dedicated to latest Covid 19 information. This will be updated as new information comes from the Department.

17.COMMUNICATION

Covid response plan and policy are available on the school website www.scoilchristri.ie
Parents school expenses - Parents to be given school IBAN and Bic to allow them to pay any school expenses directly into the school bank account. Textparent and email will continue to be used to communicate with parents. Seesaw will be used again this year as a method of communication.

18. SIGNAGE

Signs will be erected around the school to promote proper hygiene practices, physical distancing and handwashing and hand sanitation.

Signs to promote physical distancing to be placed along corridors, classrooms and in the yard.

19. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Each visitor to the school must fill out the School Contact Tracing Log for Visitors Form.

Lead worker representative = Deputy Principal Geraldine Lynch -- Duties include checking in with staff in regard to any issues / challenges that come to light. PPE gear – what needs replenishment and order, stocking of isolation area etc. BOM overall responsibility for all documentation/ guidelines procedures policy and response plan being ready for return to school.

Principal responsible for day to day running of school ensuring with BOM, parents, staff and children that school is safe for all to attend.

20. OTHER/EXTRAS

Photocopier will be wiped down after teacher after use.

Pupils will not use photocopier. (Staff only)

In the event of a child's parents having to be contacted it is imperative that phone numbers provided are correct and that emergency phone numbers are also correct and reachable.