



Merrydale Infant school

COVID-19 Policy Statement

Merrydale Infant school is committed to providing a safe and healthy workplace for all our staff and a safe learning environment for all our pupils. To ensure that, we have developed a Covid Risk Assessment. All school staff are responsible for the implementation of this Risk Assessment and our combined effort will help contain the spread of the virus. All our policies will continue to be applicable and function within the context of statutory health and government advice to ensure the safety of our school community.

We will:

- continue to monitor our COVID-19 response and amend this Risk Assessment in consultation with our staff
- provide up to date information to our staff and pupils on the Public Health advice issued by the HSE and Government
- display information on the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and correct hand-washing techniques
- inform all staff and pupils of essential hygiene and respiratory etiquette and physical distancing requirements
- adapt the school to facilitate physical distancing as appropriate in line with the guidance and direction of the Department of Education
- keep a contact log to help with contact tracing
- 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 pupils to follow if they develop signs and symptoms of COVID-19 during school time
- implement enhanced cleaning in line with Public Health advice

All school staff will be consulted on an ongoing basis and feedback is encouraged on any concerns, issues or suggestions. This can be done through any member of our leadership team.

Signed: Mark Tipple-Johnson

Date: 4th November 2020

Signed: Mrs E Surtees

Date: 9th November 2020