

Safety Measures

Physical Distancing

Pods/Bubbles

A ‘pod’ is the new term for a group/table of pupils in the classroom.

A ‘bubble’ is the new term for a class of pupils.

Classroom size does not facilitate social distancing between pupils.

Therefore, social distancing will take place between ‘pods’.

Each ‘pod’ will have at least 1 metre of separation from neighbouring pods.

Each pod should have no more than 6 pupils, with each pupil afforded half a table space.

Teacher desks will be at least 1m and where possible 2m away from pupil desks.

Keeping ‘pods’ separate **does not** apply to pupils from Junior Infants - 2nd class.

It is vital that classes do not mix. Each class or ‘bubble’ will stay separate from other classes during the school day.

Each bubble has an assigned ‘zone’ in the yard for break time.

The teacher/SNA will wear a mask when close to the children (within 2 metres) and/or other staff members and physical distancing is not possible.

All classrooms have been de-cluttered in order to maximise space.

Pupils/Staff walk on the right hand side of the corridor at all times.

Books/Copies

Each pupil has an individual cubby to store their books and copies in.

Signage

Signage is displayed in each classroom near the wet area and at various strategic points around the school.

Hygiene and Cleaning in Schools

An enhanced cleaning regime has been implemented.

Hand Hygiene

A wall mounted sanitiser is located inside the yard facing door of each classroom/prefab, with the exception of Rooms 1 - 4 where the sanitiser is located inside the entrance point to the school and inside their classrooms.

It is recommended that pupils from 1st - 6th class bring a hand sanitiser with them. The sanitiser will be kept in their pencil case at all times and used only under the supervision of a staff member.

Hand Hygiene for all classrooms/prefabs, with the exception of rooms 1 - 4 who sanitise as they enter the corridor from the yard, is as follows:

- Pupils sanitise their hands as they enter the classroom/prefab in the morning.
- Pupils wash their hands before eating at small break and before eating at big break/lunchtime.
- Pupils sanitise their hands as they return to the room after small break and after big break/lunchtime.
- Pupils sanitise their hands before home time.
- The above will be supervised to protect both pupils and staff.
- All yard facing door/external doors are ‘open’ as the pupils arrive to school and leave for home to prevent pupils touching the door handle.

Yard Time

There will be staggered break times and each class/bubble will have an allocated zone.

Maintaining pods is not required in the yard as pupils are outdoors and only have ‘ fleeting contact’ with pupils in their class/bubble.

Junior Infants/Senior Infants & 5th Class/6th Class

Break 10:40 a.m. - 10:50 a.m. Lunch 12:10 p.m. - 12:40 p.m.

1st Class - 4th Class

Break 11:00 a.m. - 11:10 a.m. Lunch 12:50 p.m. - 01:20 p.m.

The class teacher will monitor the class as each pupil sanitises their hands and enters the classroom/prefab after break.

No footballs, skipping ropes in the yard.