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Brannoxtown Community National School (BCNS) COVID 19: Policy Statement

Brannoxtown Community National School (CNS) is committed to providing a safe and healthy workplace for all our staff and a safe learning environment for all our children. Key measures to contain the spread of COVID-19 are outlined below. Further information is provided in the school's COVID-19 Response Plan. At Brannoxtown CNS, we understand that the Board of Management (BOM) and all school staff are responsible for the implementation of our COVID-19 Response Plan, in collaboration with parents and community members. The following measures represent our combined effort to help contain the spread of the virus:

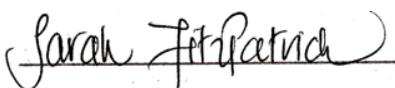
- continue to **monitor and update the Brannoxtown CNS COVID-19 Response Plan** in consultation with children (as appropriate), staff and parents.
- provide **up-to-date information** to children (as appropriate), staff and parents on public health advice from the Health Service Executive (HSE) and the government at: www.gov.ie/backtoschool.
- **display information** on the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and correct hand-washing techniques.
- agree with staff a **Lead Worker Representative** (Anne Marie Roche) and **Deputy Lead Worker Representative** (Liz Kavanagh) to carry out the role outlined in our Response Plan.
- 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 and Skills (DES).
- **keep a Contact Log** of all adult visitors to the school, to help with contact tracing.
- ensure staff **engage with the induction/familiarisation briefings**, beginning with the Induction Training Webinar for Staff, published by the DES¹.
- **implement the agreed procedures** to be followed in the event of someone showing symptoms of COVID-19 while at school.
- provide **clear direction on steps for staff and pupils to follow** if they develop signs and symptoms of COVID-19 during school time.
- implement a **cleaning protocol** in line with DES advice.

School management will closely monitor and review implementation of the above measures, as outlined in our school's Response Plan and make changes as needed. Feedback is encouraged on any concerns, issues or suggestions to improve our school's response can be made to management or to the Lead/Deputy Worker Representatives. This School's COVID-19 Policy Statement will be implemented with immediate effect and updated as needed to ensure the safety of all.

Signed: 

Date: 17th August, 2020

Ms. Deirdre O'Donovan
Chairperson

Signed: 

Date: 17th August, 2020

Dr. Sarah FitzPatrick
Principal

¹ Induction Training Webinar for Staff (DES): <https://youtu.be/mSYe804oWUA>