



## Brannoxtown Community National School

### Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment of any Potential Harm

### COVID-19: Health and Safety Risk Assessment

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#### 1. Introduction

This Covid-19 Health and Safety Risk Assessment forms part of the policy *Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment of any Potential Harm* at Brannoxtown Community National School (CNS). This new section of the school's Risk Assessment was drafted in July and completed in August 2020, as part of the school's *Covid-19 Response Plan*. In line with the requirements of Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005 (Section 19) Brannoxtown CNS is responsible for addressing any significant hazards and risks in the school. The purpose of this Risk Assessment relating to Covid-19 is to assess risks to safety, health and welfare and show how the school is controlling these risks as far as is reasonably practicable.

The Board is committed to the ongoing identification of hazards, the assessment of the appropriate risks and the introduction of controls to deal with them. In addition, staff are involved and participate in safety, health and welfare issues within the school and are encouraged to identify and report any potential hazards that may exist and to ensure that a risk assessment is carried out.

This new section of the school's Risk Assessment includes all relevant updates and necessary control measures to minimise the risk of staff and others being exposed to Covid-19 and these will be incorporated into the Safety Statement for Brannoxtown CNS in line with requirements of section 20 of the 2005 Act. Additional reviews will be undertaken on a regular basis and in line with Government and public health advice to ensure that all information remains accurate, that controls are appropriate and where necessary risks are reassessed.

#### 2. Definitions

- A **hazard** is anything with the potential to cause harm to the safety, health or welfare of staff, students, visitors and contractors – a wet or slippery floor, an unguarded machine, stressful work, a blocked entrance, hazardous chemicals etc. Hazards may be classified as physical, chemical, biological, environmental or human.
- A **risk** is the likelihood that someone will be harmed by a hazard and the severity of that harm.

- A **control measure** is an applied measure that reduces the level of risk. Control measures can be applied at the planning stage, can comprise physical measures, can be management issues and can include training. Good control measures will require a combination of some or all of these.
- **Parents** refers to parents and other adults who are a child’s legal guardians.

### 3. Control Measure Principles

Schedule 3 of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005 lists the Principles of Prevention. The Board of Management at Brannoxtown CNS undertakes to apply these principles (where practicable) in dealing with all risks within the school:

- Avoidance of risks
- Evaluation of unavoidable risks
- Combating of risks at source
- Adaptation of work to the individual
- Adaptation of workplace to technical progress
- Replacement of dangerous articles, substances or systems of work by safe/less dangerous articles, substances/systems.
- Priority to collective protective measures over individual protective measures
- Development of an adequate prevention policy which takes account of technology, organisation of work, working conditions, social factors and the influence of factors relating to the working environment
- Appropriate training and instructions to employees.

When the safety audit identifies hazards, it is necessary to evaluate and rank them to control them in an orderly way. The risk of a hazard is a measure of the likelihood/probability of an accident coupled with the severity of the injury or loss. The risk potential of each hazard in this policy was assessed by ranking, i.e., by giving numerical values of between 1 and 5 to both the **severity** of the consequences and the **probability** of the event occurring. When the numerical factors for severity and probability were multiplied, they produced a number 1-25 which is the **risk rating (Severity x Probability = Risk Rating)**.

**Table1. Severity**

<b>Severity Rating</b>	<b>Interpretation</b>	<b>Numerical Value</b>
Fatality/Catastrophic	Single/multiple fatalities, widespread illness, large scale property/equipment damage	5
Major	Serious injury or illness, significant property or equipment damage	4
Moderate	Injury and damage to property	3
Minor	Minor injury or illness, minor property or equipment damage	2
Trivial	No significant injury or illness, no significant property or equipment damage	1

**Table 2. Probability/Likelihood**

<b>Probability Rating</b>	<b>Interpretation</b>	<b>Numerical Value</b>
Inevitable	Likely to occur either immediately or in the short term	5
Very Likely	Could occur in time or if repeated enough	4
Likely	Likely to occur	3
Unlikely	Though unlikely, may occur over time	2
Rare	Unlikely to occur at all	1

**Table 3. Risk Rating**

<b>Numerical Value</b> Severity x Probability	<b>Descriptive risk rating</b>	<b>Interpretation</b>
16 – 25	<b>Emergency – Extremely serious</b> If the incident occurred, permanent, debilitating injury or death would be a likely result.	Risks are unacceptable and immediate action required justifying special maintenance. Activity should be halted and stopped until the hazard is eliminated or appropriate risk controls are put in place.
11 – 15	<b>Severe and Serious</b> If an incident were to occur, it would be likely that an injury requiring medical treatment would result.	Activity can proceed but substantial efforts should be made to reduce the risk. Risk reduction measures should be implemented urgently within a defined time period and it might be necessary to consider suspending or restricting the activity or to apply interim control measures until this has been completed.
6 – 10	<b>Medium</b> If an incident were to occur, there would be some chance that an injury requiring First Aid treatment would result	Activity can proceed but consideration should be given as to whether the risks can be lowered. Control measures must be monitored and reviewed as required to ensure they remain suitable and sufficient.
1 – 5	<b>Trivial or Negligible</b> If an incident were to occur, there would be little likelihood that an injury would result	No additional controls are necessary as these risks are considered acceptable. Activity should be regularly reviewed to ensure there is no change to the risk rating and that controls are maintained.

**\*Note:** A numerical rating has been used in column 4 of the risk assessment sheets to describe the risk potential for the hazard identified. This method has been used in an attempt to ensure that the levels of risk will be understood and clear to all those operating within the school.

#### 4. Contents of this Risk Assessment for Covid-19

Who may be affected?	Identified Risks Two risks are identified throughout this plan – noted in red font.	Hazards (blue font) and Controls	Risk Rating with controls	Action implementation
<p><b>Staff</b></p>	<p><b>Spread of Covid-19 virus</b> Persons currently deemed most at risk of complications if they catch the coronavirus are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 60 years of age and over</li> <li>• have long-term medical conditions – i.e. heart disease, lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer</li> <li>• pregnant women</li> </ul> <p><b>Known effects of the coronavirus:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A fever (temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above)</li> <li>• A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry cough Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties</li> <li>• Loss of sense of smell</li> <li>• Loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste</li> <li>• Death</li> </ul>	<p><b>1. Risk Communication, Education and Training</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Board of Management (BoM) will develop a <b>Response Plan</b> for the prevention and mitigation of Covid-19 following a risk assessment at Brannoxtown CNS. This plan highlights the measures necessary to protect the health and safety of staff in re-opening and modifying work arrangements in the school.</li> <li>• <b>Staff representative(s) will be properly consulted</b> when developing and implementing the action plan for the prevention and mitigation of Covid-19 within the school and all staff will be informed about the measures being introduced, using specific risk communication and staff engagement approaches.</li> <li>• The BoM will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Ensure all staff receive <b>necessary training</b> prior to returning to work.</li> <li>✓ Use a range of communications (e.g., posters, updates) to <b>increase awareness</b> of Covid-19 -staff and pupils.</li> <li>✓ Promote <b>safe individual practices</b> within the school</li> <li>✓ Engage with staff in providing feedback on the <b>preventive measures and their effectiveness.</b></li> <li>✓ Provide <b>regular information</b> about the risk of Covid-19 using official sources, such as government agencies (HSE, HSA, etc.) and the World Health Organisation.</li> <li>✓ Emphasise the effectiveness of adopting <b>protective measures</b> especially good personal hygiene.</li> <li>✓ Provide specific training in the <b>proper use of PPE</b> for staff, where required.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Acceptable</b> Trivial or Negligible</p>	<p>Board of Management Principal Staff</p>
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<p><b>All Staff</b></p>	<p><b>Spread of Covid-19 virus</b></p>	<p><b>2a. Hygiene (Personal)</b></p>	<p><b>Acceptable</b></p>	<p>Board of</p>

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<b>Pupils</b> <b>Visitors</b> <b>Contractors</b> <b>Public</b>	Persons currently deemed most at risk of complications if they catch the coronavirus are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 60 years of age and over</li> <li>• have long-term medical conditions – i.e. heart disease, lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer</li> <li>• pregnant women</li> </ul> <p><b>Known effects of the coronavirus:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A fever (temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above)</li> <li>• A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry cough Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties</li> <li>• Loss of sense of smell</li> <li>• Loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste</li> <li>• Death</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The BoM will ensure that <b>all staff can wash their hands regularly</b>. Hot water and appropriate sanitisers (i.e. hand gel dispensers, etc.) will be available throughout the school. Staff should:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ wash their hands properly and often and especially at these times:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ After coughing or sneezing</li> <li>○ Before and after eating or preparing food</li> <li>○ Before and after using protective gloves</li> <li>○ When arriving and leaving the school</li> <li>○ After toilet use</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ Cover their mouth and nose with a tissue or their sleeve when coughing and sneezing.</li> <li>✓ Put used tissues into a bin and wash their hands.</li> <li>✓ Develop a routine of increased cleaning and disinfecting of frequently touched objects and surfaces.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The BoM will <b>supply required cleaning products</b>, will ensure the correct and safe use and storage of all products.</li> <li>• No employees are permitted to attend work if they display any of these symptoms: fever (temperature of 37.5 degrees or above); cough; shortness of breath; or breathing difficulties.</li> <li>• Any <b>Staff Member</b> who:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ is displaying symptoms must self-isolate and not attend school for 14 days.</li> <li>○ is living with someone who is self-isolating or waiting for a test must also self-isolate for 14 days.</li> <li>○ who has who has tested positive must not return to work until deemed fit to do so, i.e. on approval of their medical advisor. Staff can access regular updates at: <a href="https://www2.hse.ie/">https://www2.hse.ie/</a> and can contact HSELive for advice <b>1850 241850</b>.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Trivial	Management Principal Staff Visitors
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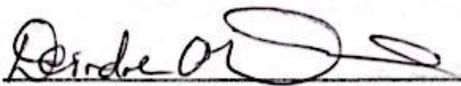
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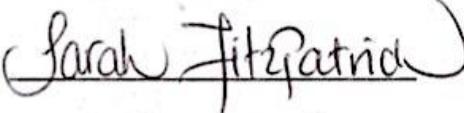
In undertaking this risk assessment, the School Principal and Board of Management have endeavoured to identify as far as possible the risks of harm to children attending Brannoxtown Community National School during the Covid-19 pandemic and to ensure that adequate procedures are in place to manage all risks identified. While it is not possible to foresee and remove all risk of harm, the school has implemented the procedures and practices listed in this risk assessment to manage and reduce risk to the greatest possible extent.

This risk assessment has been reviewed and approved by the Board of Management on 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 as part of the school's overall policy on *Child Safeguarding*. This assessment of risk during the Covid-19 pandemic will continue to be updated and reviewed as needed.

Signed: 

Ms. Deirdre O' Donovan  
Chairperson

Date: 13-10-2020

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Dr. Sarah FitzPatrick  
Principal