

## **Health and Safety control of Covid 19 for Students**

### **1. Introduction**

As per the Safety Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005, the Board of Management of Colaiste Íde is required to ensure, so far as reasonably practicable, the safety, health and welfare at work of all employees. All students, parents/guardians, teachers and staff have the right to feel safe in their school.

Our school encourages responsibility, respect, good manners and academic achievements in a safe, caring and effective learning environment, where the wellbeing of all is a priority. In maintaining these standards, the school therefore, has the following expectations of all of its students.

### **2. Expectations of all students during Covid 19**

- To know the symptoms of Covid 19
  - Fever
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath
  - Loss of smell or taste
  - More information is available on <https://2.hse.ie/coronavirus/>.
- Students will follow and practice government guidelines, implemented by the school at all times in line with preventing the spread of COVID-19 and physical distancing of 1M
- Students are to wear face coverings correctly
- Face coverings must be worn whilst students are in doors at all times and in particular when moving around the Dining Room and social distancing must be maintained at tables as laid out on the table plan
- Students are not to share items
- Parents/Guardians are not to bring their children to school if the students(s) has symptoms of a viral respiratory infection or if there is someone in the household suspected or known to have COVID-19.
- Students are not to attend school if they are awaiting Covid 19 tests results
- Students are not to attend school if they have tested positive or been in contact with a person that tested positive
- Students should be aware that if they develop signs or symptoms when at school they should let the principal know immediately.
- Students will be respectful towards teachers and other students and all members of the school community in the interests of health and safety.
- Students will adhere to and follow the guidelines set by the school in relations to best practice in personal hygiene and physical distancing.
- Students will be aware of their responsibilities when engaging in activities outside of the school setting towards promoting the reputation of the school with regards to hand hygiene and physical distancing.
- The behaviours of students will be mindful of their friends, fellow students, their school community and families, their health, safety and wellbeing is also your responsibility.

### **3. *Hand Hygiene***

Avoid touching your eyes, mouth, or nose.

You should not share objects that touch others mouth for example, bottles or cups.

Remember the frequency of hand hygiene

- On arrival and leaving school.
- Before eating or drinking.
- Before and after preparing food.
- After using the toilet.
- After being outdoors.
- When your hands are physically dirty.
- When you cough or sneeze.
- Before and after being on public transport.
- Before and after being in a crowd (especially indoors).
- Prior to entering the Dining Room and on your way out
- If you were in contact with someone who has a fever or respiratory symptoms.

### **4. *Sanctions***

This policy will be implemented in line with the college's Code of Behaviour, available on the website [www.colaiстеide.com](http://www.colaiстеide.com)

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### **Colaiste Íde 2020**

*This policy was discussed with the following member of the school community on:*

<i>Teaching Staff</i>	<i>18 September 2020</i>
<i>Parents</i>	<i>20 September 2020</i>
<i>Students</i>	<i>12 November 2020</i>

*The policy was ratified by:*

*Board of Management 15 November 2020*  
*Board of Directors*