

## APPENDIX 1

## COVID-19 Policy Statement

Dominican College Wicklow is committed to providing a safe and healthy workplace for all our staff and a safe learning environment for all our students. To ensure that, we have developed and updated the following COVID-19 Response Plan. The BOM and all school staff are responsible for the implementation of this plan and a combined effort will help contain the spread of the virus. We will:

- continue to monitor our COVID-19 response and amend this plan in consultation with our staff
- provide up to date information to our staff and students on the Public Health advice issued by the HSE and Gov.ie
- display information on the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and correct hand-washing techniques around the school
- agree with staff, a worker representative who is easily identifiable to carry out the role outlined in this plan. Mr Martin is the lead worker representative in DCW.
- inform all staff and students of essential hygiene and respiratory etiquette and physical distancing requirements in the orientation day on their first day back to school.
- adapt the school to facilitate physical distancing as appropriate in line with the public health guidance and direction of the Department of Education
- keep a contact log to help with contact tracing in the admin office and the principal's office.
- ensure staff and students engage with the induction / familiarisation briefing provided by the Department of Education
- implement the agreed procedures to be followed in the event of someone showing symptoms of COVID-19 while at school in relation to contact tracing, isolated sick room and contact with home.
- provide instructions for staff and students to follow if they develop signs and symptoms of COVID-19 during school time, during the orientation days.
- implement cleaning in line with Department of Education 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 the Lead Worker Representative(s), who will be supported in line with the agreement between the Department and education partners.

Signed: Mary Murphy

Date: 24/8/21

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