St. Anthony's Special School 19248R

In School Daily Arrangements Risk Assessment & Procedures Version 4 Revision Date: August 2021

The following in school daily arrangements risk assessment and procedures were drawn up based on information set out in the following documents:

- St. Anthony's School Covid 19 Response Plan (drawn from DES Covid 19 Response Plan for Primary & Special Schools)
- St. Anthony's School General Covid Risk Assessments
- Return to School arrangements already notified to parents

Reminder that classes are grouped into Bubbles as follows:

Green Bubble: Primary 1, Primary 2

Purple Bubble: Primary 3, Senior A & Senior B

Orange Bubble: Senior C & Senior D

This document sets out arrangements to be followed by all staff, pupils, parents and visitors to ensure the safety of everyone in the school community and prevent the Covid-19 virus from emerging in our school.

This is a working document, subject to ongoing review and amendment based on emerging advice, guidance and recommendations from the Department of Education, HSE and NPHET

Columns on all pages are laid out as follows;

	Details: Level:	Risks:	Control Measures:	Personnel responsible	
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Morning Routine/ Arrival of Staff to School	High	All staff using the key pad at front door All staff using the same Pen on sign in book Staff arriving together and not being able to social distance. Staff queuing to use toilets Staff gathering in staff room Staff meeting in corridors Staff working with students from other classes	All staff to enter via main front doors in morning. Staff to sanitise hands before using keypad inside door. * Inner double doors will be latched OPEN during entry and exit times to allow staff and pupils to enter without touching surfaces. At all other times doors will be latched CLOSED and exit or entry will be monitored by office staff Once hands are sanitised as above using the pen provided to sign in is ok. Staff can sanitise hands before and after signing in. *any staff leaving school must sign in/out as necessary Following corridor markings, go straight to own classrooms. P1, P2, P3 and Sen A use right corridor; Sen B, C & D use left corridor. Leave staff coats/ lunches in lockers or in designated spaces in classrooms. Lockers will be assigned to all staff by LWR - €5 deposit for key required – will be returned at end of year when keys returned.	Principal SNA's Teachers All School Staff
			Put on school provided PPE personal kit bags and visors. *The kit bags have to be worn whenever out of classroom with pupils – in class they may not have to be worn. In morning they must be worn to start day.	
			Clean own mobile phone with wipe and put in personal kit bag	Dec 2020
			No gathering in staff room, to ensure sufficient space for all staff to use and safely social distance.	Sept 2021
			In classrooms teachers and SNA's are present from 9.20	
			SNA's to take out pupil's individual resources as specified by class teacher and prepare for day.	

	SNA's to ensure sufficient PPE and cleaning equipment prepared for the day.	
	SNA's to wait for call for arrival of buses/ parents of students in their classroom. Dec = working well	
	SNA's only bring students from their own class or bubble from bus to classroom as required	
	All pupils to enter via side front door while building work ongoing	

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Dismissal End of School day routine for pupils.	Н	Social distancing not being maintained by parents/ Bus escorts/ drivers. Parents/ buses not abiding by line up regulations Late pick ups	Primary 1 students leaving early will be brought to bus/parents by classroom SNA. Students to leave one at a time. All other classes prepare to leave school by washing hands and wiping own desks and chairs from 2.30 onwards	Teachers +SNAs Designated staff
		All pick ups arriving at the same time. Pupils gathering in groups waiting for buses/ pick ups. Staff gathering with pupils	Students to wait in own classrooms until buses/parents arrive. *Seated not in lines. No one to leave classes until secretary announces the buses. From 2.45pm the secretary will announce which buses have arrived and buses will start to fill one at a time.**	SNAs Principal Bus Drivers, Parents and Pupils
		*September 2021 New traffic management system for bus drop off and collection to be set up and reviewed October 2021 System working well - buses line up and queue. Principal connects with office via walkie talkie to get office to announce buses	Staff and students will wait in own classrooms, until appropriate bus/ pick up arrives to collect them. Pupils on the announced bus to leave classroom to exit school with SNA allocated to their classroom or the bus escort if there. They will follow corridor markings. SNA's who are not bus escorts return to class to assist others SNA's who are bus escorts can collect children on their bus from all classrooms at doorways when announced. If assistance is required a staff member from the class can help e.g. wheelchairs or safety risks Teachers must remain in classrooms until all pupils have been collected or accompany final remaining pupils to bus when announced Buses will be coming and going between 2.45 and 3.15pm and all pupils must be supervised until the last bus has left by their bubble classroom staff	

After Students leave School	M	Students belongings left behind Unclean work surfaces PPE supplies needed to be replenished Library books/ resources left around classroom	Once pupils have gone home, SNA's who are not bus escorts to return to own classrooms. Table tops, chairs, door handles and frequents use materials and surfaces to be wiped/ sprayed if not already done. PPE and cleaning materials to be replenished for following day. Each students individual work boxes/materials to be sprayed/ wiped down if not already done. Any resources used that day to be cleaned thoroughly. All classrooms will be cleaned daily – tables must be clear, theirs on top where possible to allow access to floor.	Teachers SNA's LRW
			chairs on top where possible to allow access to floor	

Intimate Care	Н	Class bubbles being disrupted through using same toilets Male/ female students in same toilets Close contact and inability to social distance between staff and students during toileting/ changing. Exposure to bodily fluids/ excretions. Areas not being cleaned thoroughly after use.	Only one student from each class at a time will use allocated toilets. Each class will have own toilets assigned. Primary 1 will use toilets in own classroom. Primary 2 will use toilets in own classroom. Primary 3 will use toilets in own classroom Senior A will use single toilet across from their classroom (was girls toilet now multi-sex toilet) *or can be agreed between A and B what to do Senior B will use toilet next door to their classroom (was boys toilet now multi-sex toilet)* above	Teachers Pupils SNA's Principal
			Senior C will use toilet in their own classroom. Senior D will use toilet in their own classroom Staff toilet is now multi sex use for all staff only. Toilet at Reception is not to be used by pupils at all and this toilet is designated for use by kitchen staff, school staff and visitors while building works ongoing. Emergencies only for students.	
			Boys and Girls will share same class toilets. Doors will be marked with signs. Only one student from each class can use their toilets at a time. Toilets will be checked regularly by classroom staff after use to ensure they are clean.	

	Toilets will be cleaned/ sprayed by SNA after changing a student in them.	
	When staff must engage with toileting/ changing students, they must wear appropriate PPE- Mask, visor, apron, gloves as required.	
	All disposable PPE must be disposed of appropriately in bins after use.	
	Pupils and staff must wash hands thoroughly after using the toilet in bathroom sink and sanitise hands	
	Pupils and staff will be reminded of this by posters and as taught throughout the school day during class time.	
	If toilets need soap or toilet rolls please inform office so cleaners can refill asap	

In Class	H/M	Size of rooms	Senior A, B, C, D Classes must social distance by 1m where possible	reminder
Teachers	Depends on class	Number of students Pupils ability, level of understanding, Challenging behaviours Pupils moving around the room Pupils sharing resources	Primary 1,2,3 classes should try to distance where possible but this is not enforceable or practical Pupils will be seated using the arrangements suggested by the DES or however a teacher is comfortable. Where possible excess furniture will be removed.	
		Pupils/teachers at risk Libraries	Pupils to use their own materials only where possible–No sharing of personal equipment -glue sticks, ruler. Back up materials may be purchased for those pupils who may not be able to afford same	Principal Principal/
		Lining up Corrections of homework	Pupils should also have their own hand sanitiser on their desk to use during the day. This can be added to booklists.	Parents
		Teacher and SNA's have high level of exposure -	Pupils may wear own cloth masks but must provide small plastic box to keep it in on desk when not needed, bring home box and mask each day for parents to clean and wash.	Principal
		Mixed groups within class bubble	Pupils will also be asked to bring in own sanitiser for their desk-senior pupils only – younger pupils need supervision with this.	Teachers Principal
		Use of materials/resources	Pupils will sanitise/ wash hands before and after every class activity or change of lesson. eg using the IWB, art materials, table top activities.	/parents
		Use of Wheelchair	Teachers to restrict pupil movement around the room as much as possible	
		Tactile children	Pupils in all classes to have assigned coat hooks and individual assigned boxes to hold lunches. This can be put on booklist – plastic boxes as required	Teachers
			Markings will be on the floor beyond which a child should not go so as to maintain distance between teacher and pupils in	

SNAs classes from Senior A up to Senior D *classroom staff can decide and plan this Use of- masks for teachers at risk or for pupils at risk especially during flu/cold season. Teachers who require same are to inform principal. Aug 21 masks rec by DES All pupil resources should clearly be labelled. Parents to be requested to do this. Deep clean of the school took place end August. Teachers also have to sanitise hands regularly and model same for students. Use of velcro shoes for pupils who cannot tie laces. Initial lessons to cover all of the protocols to be taught in September and repeated daily. If a child is sick in the classroom: if SNA present they take the child to the designated area in paramedical room and wait for direction from nurse or principal. If a child looks or feels unwell all classrooms will have an infrared thermometer for class staff to check temperature immediately. If over 37.5 go straight to nurse following protocols. If not recheck every 15 minutes and alert nurse if still concerned. The nurse/principal will discuss with parents the possible risks/ requirements of those with underlying conditions Staff will conduct lessons with pupils on the use of sanitisers and all relevant protocols. Teachers/ SNA's are advised not to stoop down to pupils on a face to face level if possible

	Parents must ensure pupils have pencil case for school which remains in school.	

Breaks	Н	Pupils not staying in their own groups. Shortage of space/ Social distancing Pupils not lining up correctly.	Breaks/ lunch Green Bubble: Primary 1, Purple Bubble: Primary 3, Orange Bubble: Senior C	Senior A and Senior B.	Supervision
		Over lap of class bubbles. Going to and coming backfrom break/ lunch Touching/ handling of each other's belongings for both pupils and staff eg: cutlery, crockery	PRIMARY 1 Snack in cl Small yard Lunch in class 12.00-12.2	een Bubble: assroom 10.30-10.50	Teachers
		Too many staff in staff room/ toilets at the same time. Child getting hurt or requiring medical attention	Play small yard 12.20-12.4 PRIMARY 2 Play Small Yard Lunch in Dining Play in small yard	40 Snack in classroom 10.50-11.10 12.20-12.40 12.45-1.05	SNAs
			Purple Bubble: Primary 3/Sen A/Sen B Play Break in big yard Lunch in GP Hall Break in big yard 1.10-1.3	Snack in class 11.10 -11.30 12.45-1.05 B	Teachers
				ange Bubble:	Staff

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	Sen C/Sen D	
	Break in big yard 10.40-11.00 then Eat in class	Don't
	Break in big yard 12.45-1.05 then Lunch in hall 1.10-1.30	Pupils
	*Senior Bubbles - exit onto yard through gym, entry back into school through Senior D door - one way system	Kitchen Chef
	Regular breathing breaks are advised and recommended – outside where possible. Teacher and SNA staff must ensure pupils adequately supervised.	
	This area will take a lot of discussion and can be discussed in bubble groups – senior groups must consult with subject teachers as their timetables will also now change and adapt.	
	*Use of pool table and foozball allowed in senior bubble groups with responsibility for cleaning before and after by classes/staff	
	Eating:	
	Doors in dining room and GP hall will be propped open by kitchen staff and wiped regularly during lunches.	
	Before leaving classrooms to go to the dining room, students must have hands washed.	
	Door handles in classrooms must be cleaned at break times by classroom staff.	
	All students will go in their class groups following corridor markings to the dining room.	
	Each class group will have a specified seating area, which will remain the same each day.	

All tables will be wiped down. Cutlery will be laid for each class group by kitchen staff.

If cutlery is not laid, SNA/ Teacher will lay down using gloves.

All students eating time is 10 minutes at Break 1 (with 20 minutes recreation) and 20 minutes at Lunch with 20 minutes physical recreation time added- Allow sufficient time for clearing at serving. (time allocated for eating may vary)

Students to sit in same seat every time.

Staff to wear gloves in dining room - fresh gloves on arrival to dining room. *Box of gloves to be put in dining room at servery for staff to use

Staff to pour drinks, so no over lap of handling the jug – one jug per class group.

Senior classes may queue following social distance rules and Dining Room Plan

For students having own lunches, they will bring their own boxes to the dining room and back to the classroom after each break.

When finished eating, 1- 2 students only at a time may go and clear their plates ensuring there is sufficient place to social distance between students when doing so.

Before leaving the dining room, pupils where possible will wipe down their table and chair. If they are unable to do so a staff member will do so and ensure that the room is left ready for the next class groups.

The teacher on duty will direct one class at a time to leave the dining room and return to their own class rooms or recreation area as applicable.

Teachers in bubbles will go on break on rota basis. For play/ recreation time, students will return to their classrooms or go to yard areas agreed Each bubble teacher on duty will supervise their class groups in yard or from the hallway if in classrooms. Each class stays in their bubble in the dining room and then in their classrooms. Teachers and staff to be using gloves or sanitise their hands if asked to open anything or if they touch anything belonging to students. Encourage students to have used own class toilets before they travel to the dining room, as shared area toilets are closed. Outside play- Outside play working well in bubbles Teachers will communicate with each other and decide on a rota in which students will get to go outside and when All staff will carry sanitiser and wipes at all times in kit bags. Children sanitise hands before going out to the yard and wash on return from yard in class room sinks. If going from GP hall they use sanitiser at exit. Each class to get basket of balls etc as needed to use within own bubble - must be cleaned before and after use by staff September 2021 - teachers may request parents to send in waterproof jackets for use during wet days

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	Also yellow bins for disposal of ppe and wipes only	
		School Staff

Staff- room/Breaks	Н	NO STAFFROOM AVAILABLE DURING BUILDING WORKS - USE OF DINING ROOM WHEN NO PUPILS IN IT OR	Wash hands before break times. Staff to ensure to social distance wherever break is	Principal
		HOME ECONOMICS KITCHEN WHEN NOT IN USE.	Sanitise any common items used after use.	Staff
			No microwaves toasters in use until further notice	Dec 20
		Size of staffroom	Fridges used only for milk until further notice	Dec 2020 reminder
		Social distancing not being maintained	Those in the high risk category ideally should remain in their own classrooms for breaks.	Jan 2021
		Sharing cutlery Queueing for microwave/dishwasher/water	There will be staggered Breaks- same as students – agreed between bubble groups – supervision of pupils priority but sharing rota between bubble staff allows for guaranteed staff breaks – all staff must be flexible and adaptable around breaks Staff to use their own utensils. Bring into school and bring home. NO COMMON UTENSILS AVAILABLE FOR STAFF People bring in their own flasks for hot drinks if required or preferred. Staff to ensure that their own area has been cleaned up after use. Staff to maintain social distancing while using the microwave/hot water and at all times. Staff to sanitise before and after using any item. Clean after use *Staff provided with secure lockers for safe storage of personal items including PPE and lunch OR staff may choose to get a box with lid to store their belongings in classroom at own risk	Staff room not to be used during level 5 Will be in use as isolation room until all schools reopen fully

There will be a pot of hot soup available for staff from kitchen if desired - staff must follow social distance rules just like pupils and return used bowl to kitchen after quick clean. NB hot uncovered bowls should not be transported around school

PE+	Н	Sharing of equipment	PE equipment may be used if cleaned before and after use	Pupils/staff
		Social distancing	*Baskets to be arranged for classes to use at breaks in own bubble - clean before and after use	SDT
PE equipment		Equipment	Ponchos - sourced and provided to all classes by Appropriate Strands of curriculum to be taught which does not require physical contact or the use of equipment. Eg dance, athletics, stetches, movement	SDT
		Coaches coming in and mixing between classes/ schools.	Classes doing PE have rostered times to attend for PE. **	Principal
		Hall being used by different classes/ bubbles	Time is allocated between groups to enable the PE/ Class teacher to clean down surfaces/ any resources touched by/ used by students- eg: doorhandles, benches.	Teachers SNA's ,
			Swimming is currently on hold for the time being and will be reviewed after Christmas.	Aug 21
		Swimming- getting the bus, changing, getting in and out of the pool, mixing with external trainers.	No external sports trainers to attend for at least the first term (this will be reviewed) ??? Reviewed and allowed from October subject to guidelines Parents asked to send in waterproof jackets for pupils Anna - look into cover for yard areas	Oct 2021
		Crossing over of classes going to the hall		

Technology (Ipads etc)	H/M	Sharing of devices between classes could lead to transference of virus Lack of human resources/ time to clean	All pupils to sanitise/wash hands before and after use of devices Where possible the same students continue to use the same devices. All devices must be cleaned thoroughly after each use, by either the user or SNA. Ipads to be shared among class bubbles only	Pupils Staff
Use of school buses	H/M	Sharing of equipment between classes could lead to transference of virus. Lack of human resources/ time to clean	Buses in use with rota plan Fogged and cleaned after use by each class and if possible only one bubble can use per day	

Use of Sensory Room	Н	Sharing of equipment between classes could lead to transference of virus. Lack of human resources/ time to clean	Timetable for sensory room agreed and staff aware that it must be cleaned after every use Sensory Room Timetable 2021 - 2022 GREEN BUBBLE 9.30 - 11.30	Pupils SNA's Teachers Pupils
			PURPLE BUBBLE 11.30 - 1.00 ORANGE BUBBLE 1.00 - 2.30	
Shared resource cupboards		Transference of virus through shared use Lack of human resources/time to clean	Pupils and teachers to sanitise/wash hands before and after use of all materials that might be shared., Staff date when they take or replace resources so proper number of days elapse between use in different rooms - Lessons on hygienic use of materials Teachers to organise in advance what resources they will	Pupils Staff Jan 2021 This section to be followed in detail for safety reasons
			want and when to prevent close over lap of resources.	I G d S U I S

If teachers are sharing Teacher Manuals - a period of 72 hours to be left between usage. Sanitise before using	Class-room Libraries Books/Copies	Н	Transference of virus through shared use Deemed low risk but still care needed	When books are returned they must be left in separate box for 72 hours (feasible in older classes but probably not junior classes) Importance of teaching kids not to root through the books as they are selecting one	Pupils Teachers SNA's
Teacher will not open Homework folders until Monday when 72 hours has elapsed.	Homework			If teachers are sharing Teacher Manuals - a period of 72 hours to be left between usage. Sanitise before using Homework to be sent online- ether Google Classroom or by email or other Alternatively, where online is not possible, homework is to be sent on a Monday etc and not returned until the Friday. Books must not come in and out of school each day. Teacher will not open Homework folders until Monday when	Jan 2021

Crossover from classes./Coughing/sneezing etc/Toileting Assisting pupils with clothing/school bags/lunches/water bottles/paring pencils Tactile pupils- OT pupils Lunch breaks	PPE to be used as much as possible aprons/masks/visors/gloves/sanitisers Face Masks to be worn at all times. Dec 20 PPE will be provided but staff may wish to purchase own masks or visors which should be left in school OR if reusable washed and sterilised daily Nurse and LWR in charge of supplies which must be requested Sluice room only for cleaners materials and safe zone Sanitising hands leaving/entering all rooms Passing on any information received from bus escorts/ parents to class teachers – maintain distance All SNAs must wear gloves in dining room and on the yard. Refilling water bottles - SNAs to sanitise before touching. Children in junior classes not allowed to fill bottles. Bottles must be labelled. Wipe down any resources used by students. Door handles to be cleaned at least 4 times each day- in the morning, snack, lunch and hometime.	Teachers Parents. SNA's
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Office	Medium	Unauthorised personnel in office	Children not to be sent to office on messages	
		Risk of transmission	Staff should not enter the office unless necessary - speak with secretary through hatch	
			Photocopying should be planned in advance as much as practical or possible - Children not to be sent to collect photocopying.	
			Staff member using copier to wipe down after use.	
			Using phone - calls will be restricted, no calls during class times unless in emergency, and staff must clean phone after use	
			Contactless payment system set up to minimise handling cash. Any cash received staff should wear gloves or wash hands after handling.	

Bus Transport	High	Community transmission of virus from wide geographical areas of County into school	Bus Eireann and DES have reduced capacity on buses to 50%	Reviewed Jan 2021
			All Bus Escorts have received COVID training (DES videos)	Reviewed Feb 21 following
			All Bus Escorts have been and will be provided with medical grade EN14683 face masks, gloves and sanitiser to use.	DES/HSE guidance Return to school
			Medical Grade Face masks will be worn at all times by bus escorts.	
			Children with SEN do not have to wear masks but are encouraged to do so. *Feb 21: All pupils over 13 have been asked to wear masks on buses BUT cannot be forced to do so - arranging distancing as far as possible between children is encouraged. The escort should always remain vigilant and may have to sit near certain children for safety and management reasons and so the escort should always wear a mask and sanitise hands regularly. A visor may be worn alongside a face mask if the escort thinks it safer.	
			Bus operators are asked to confirm that their bus drivers will also wear face masks at all times and that their vehicle is cleaned/disinfected after use.	
			Bus Escorts will ensure that all children sanitise their hands on entry and exit to bus.	
			Bus Escorts will try to keep children as far apart as possible on buses subject to space	
			Bus Escorts will remind children about hygiene protocols and cough etiquette.	
			If a Bus Escort suspects a child is unwell they should	
			 First inform parents if they are still at the house or If en route Contact school to advise same so nurse or principal can meet bus and take temperature of child 	

and isolate as necessary and call parents if needed to collect child 3. Bus Escorts should ensure that hygiene protocols are followed strictly.