**COVID-19 Policy Statement**



St. Lachteen’s National school is committed to providing a safe and healthy workplace for all our staff and a safe learning environment for all our pupils. To ensure that, we have developed 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 policy in consultation with our school community bearing in mind that this is an ever evolving document that is subject to revision by the Department of Education, HSE and Gov.ie
* provide up to date information to our staff and pupils on the Public Health advice issued by the Department of Education, HSE and Gov.ie
* display information on the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and correct handwashing techniques
* install numerous hand sanitiser units in the school building for use of children, staff and visitors. These will be monitored and refilled on a regular basis.
* select a representative (Covid-19 lead person and deputy) who is easily identifiable to carry out the role outlined in this 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
* keep a contact log to help with contact tracing
* ensure staff 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
* provide instructions for staff and pupils to follow if they develop signs and symptoms of COVID-19 during school time
* 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: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Ratified by the BOM 18/08/2020

Signed: Maurice Honohan

Chairperson: Board of Management

Date: August 18th 2020