

# Culfadda NS Response Plan (This may change as we adapt to the “new normal”. Please be patient with us)

Our main aim is to keep everyone safe.

**YOU SHOULD NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY HAVE A TEMPERATURE, A COUGH OF ANY KIND, LOSS OF SMELL/TASTE OR HAVE ANY KIND OF SHORTNESS OF BREATH.** If you are in any doubt whether you should send your child to school or not, please err on the side of caution.

- The school day will continue to start at 9:20 and finish at 2:10 (infants)/ 3:10 (1st-6th). Please see attached sheet on staggered arrival & dismissal.

- Children will independently enter and exit the school via the designated gate and must use this gate at all times.

- Throughout the school there will be hand sanitizers provided which children will be required to use and will be asked to regularly wash their hands while in school.

- Classes will be confined to mixing with only their own class group. This includes break time and lunch time.

- Within each class, the children will be divided into pods which will be distanced from each other as much as classroom space allows. (We have re-configured classrooms to allow this to happen). Children from 3rd-6th will be seated 1 m from each other. They will be required to stay in their pods and keep socially distant from other pods. A pod is a class group e.g. 3rd class & a bubble is a classroom e.g. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>.

- Children will be required to have & use their own resources e.g. pencils, ruler, rubber, sharpener, colours, etc and sharing of resources, particularly from 3rd-6th will not be allowed. We will supply each child with his/her own scissors, pritt stick & paint brush. It is important to label all resources, clothing, lunch boxes & bottles.

Good Ventilation. The windows will be open as fully as possible when classrooms are not in use (e.g. during break-times or lunch-times (assuming not in use) and at the end of each school day) and partially open when classrooms are in use. Therefore it is important that the pupil has an extra sweater/hoodie which can be left in their box when not in use.

It is now a requirement for face coverings to be worn by staff members where it is not possible to maintain a physical distance of 2 metres from other staff, parents, essential visitors or pupils.

Medical grade masks in the EN14683 category to be worn by SNAs and teachers and those staff who by necessity need to be in close and continued proximity with pupils with intimate care

.•Staff will maintain a regular cleaning routine of all resources and materials that will be used by different pods or classes. Where necessary items of school equipment will be isolated for 72 hours prior to being used by a different pod/class.

•The school will be cleaned following all government guidelines, advice and checklists, every day.

•If your child becomes ill in school with any of the symptoms of a cold, a flu or Covid you will be contacted and they will be immediately cared for in a separate room where they will remain until they are collected. They must be collected as soon as possible. Please ensure that your contact details are up to date and provide an emergency contact also. This is very important.

How can you help?

•Take your child/ren's temperature before coming to school and ensure their hands are clean

•Do not enter the school grounds, unless prior permission to do so has been granted by the principal

•Communicate with your child's teacher via the office or by email.

•Make payments to school via the online payment system. You will receive information on this later.

•Do not allow your child to bring any personal items to school except for his/her lunch and drink

.•Do not congregate or loiter around the grounds at drop off or collection time. It is strictly set down and go at all times.