



Reopening Plan for Templeorum N.S. 2020

Welcome Back!

Templeorum National School will reopen on Tuesday , September 1st.

The School day begins at 9.25.

New Junior Infants will finish at 12.30 for the first week.

Please read carefully our reopening plan to ensure everybody is safe and happy in our new school year.

Underlying Principles

- The school has a responsibility to make every effort to ensure the safety, health and well-being of all members of our school community – children, parents and staff. This plan has been formulated to better ensure that the school can exercise that duty of care.
- Assuming it is in keeping with public health advice and guidelines issued by the Department of Education and Skills, it is preferable for all children to return to school for all five days of the school week and for a full school day. This plan has been formulated to achieve that aim.
- It is not possible to eliminate the risk of infection. However, with the co-operation of all members of our school community, it is possible to minimise the risk of the virus being introduced to school and the consequent risk of its spread.
- As well as co-operation, the flexibility and goodwill of all will be required to ensure the plan can be implemented.
- All children return to school and classes operate within a bubble system. Juniors to Second class do not have to socially distance. Third to sixth class must remain 1 metre apart inside the school building.
- The school is split into 3 bubbles whereby each bubble will have their own assigned play area and entry and exit doors.
- Within each class the children will be further divided into pods, with a minimum distance of 1 metre being maintained between pods.
- Hand sanitiser will be available at entry points and in all classrooms, entrance hall and office.
- Isolation Station outdoors/GP in an isolated corner. (Dividers)
- Warm water and soap and blue z fold paper towels are available for regular supervised handwashing.



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- HSE advises children with a high temperature and new cough must stay at home.

Timetables

9.10	From 9.10 children will be supervised in their classrooms. Individual children to enter school grounds at Church Gate Entrance. Families to Main Gate. THIRD TO SIXTH CLASS bring all personal belongings into classroom, coats and bags. Children must sit in assigned place.
9.25	School starts
10.50	Children sanitise/wash hands
11.00	Break in yard in 3 designated spaces for class bubbles. Children exit class in their pods socially distanced supervised by teacher. One teacher supervises 3 assigned bubble play areas. Second teacher responsible for First aid and bell.
11.15	Children return in bubbles to classroom. Infants line up at infant door. Middle room line up at middle room door.(socially distanced markers) Senior Room line up on court. (socially distanced markers) Social distancing for middle and senior room.
12.20	Hand sanitation/washing Eat Lunch
12.30	Children exit classroom in pods.
1.00	Children return in bubbles to classroom. Infants line up at infant door. Middle room line up at middle room door.(socially distanced) Senior Room line up on court. (socially distanced) Social distancing for middle and senior room. Each class teacher supervises return to class.
2.00	Infants walk to school gate. Pick up socially distanced.
3.00	Bus Children exit classroom first. Pods exit classrooms to line up at school gate. (Staggered dismissal) Single children pick up point church car park.



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	Families main gate.
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Key Entrances & Exits

<i>Entrance and Exit Points to School</i>	<i>Drop Off and Pick Up points</i>
Junior Room door	Church Car Park for individual Children
Middle Room door	Main Gate for families
Senior Room door	Bus at Main Gate.

Arrival at school

- We ask for co-operation with these times as it will mean that the numbers congregating on school grounds at any one time will be minimised.
- Each class should line up at their designated point with social distancing observed.
- The class teacher will invite the children to enter the building via their designated entrance point at the appropriate time.
- No adults, other than staff members, should enter the building.
- Messages for teachers email to templeorum@gmail.com

End of School Day

- **School Bus Pick Up First**
- **Family Cars must park facing Piltown. Drive around school site to face this way.**
- **Individuals park in Lower Church Car Park.**
- Adults, who are collecting their children from school at the end of the day, should wait in car at designated parking area. (Individual Children in Church Car Park) (Families at School Gate).
- When the school day is over the following arrangements will apply –
 - Jun / Sen Inf - the class teacher will bring the children to main gate and will release the children into the care of the adult who is there to collect them.
 - 1st – 6th Class – the class teacher will allow each pod to leave the classroom separately in order to minimise contact.
 - Parents park in designated area. Individual children to Church Car Park and families to main gate.
 - Homework club details to be finalised with Parents' Association. (Mid September).

Collection of Children during the School Day

If an adult has to collect a child during the course of the school day, the following arrangements will apply

- The adult who is collecting will be asked to park at school gate. (note to teacher with collection time).



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- No adult should enter the school building, unless invited to do so.

Dealing with a suspected case of Covid-19

Pupils should not attend school if displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 (a new cough/ high temperature). If a pupil displays symptoms of Covid-19 while in the building, the following are the procedures will be implemented:

- Parents/guardians will be contacted immediately
- The child will be accompanied to the designated isolation area via the isolation route by a member of staff. The staff member will remain at least 2 metres away from the symptomatic child and will also make sure that others maintain a distance of at least 2 metres from the symptomatic child at all times
- A mask will be provided for the child presenting with symptoms, if one is available. He/she should wear the mask if in a common area with other people or while exiting the premises
- An assessment will be made as to whether the child who is displaying symptoms can immediately be brought home by parents and call their doctor and continue self-isolation at home
- The school will facilitate the child presenting with symptoms to remain in isolation, if they cannot immediately go home, and will assist them by calling their GP.
- The child presenting with symptoms should be advised to cover their mouth and nose with the disposable tissue provided when they cough or sneeze and to put the tissue in the waste bag provided
- If the child is well enough to go home, the school will arrange for them to be transported home by a family member, as soon as possible, and advise them to inform their GP by phone of their symptoms.
- If they are too unwell to go home or advice is required, the school will contact 999 or 112 and inform them that the sick child is a Covid-19 suspect.
- Arrangements will be made for appropriate cleaning of the isolation area and work area.

The HSE will inform any staff/parents who have come into close contact with a diagnosed case via the contact tracing process. The HSE will contact all relevant persons where a diagnosis of COVID-19 is made. The instructions of the HSE should be followed.

Children who should not attend school

If your child is in one of the following categories, they should not attend school –

- Children who have been diagnosed with Covid-19
- Children who have been in close contact with a person who has been diagnosed with Covid-19
- Children who have a suspected case of Covid-19 and the outcome of the test is pending
- Children who have been in contact with a person who has a suspected case of Covid-19 and the outcome of the test is pending
- Children with underlying health conditions who have been directed by a medical professional not to attend school



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- Children who have returned home after travelling abroad and must self-isolate for a period of 14 days
- Children who are generally unwell.

Supporting the Learning of Children who cannot attend school

If a child is not able to attend school for an extended period of time, the class teacher (and/or the learning support teacher, where relevant) will plan activities to support the child's learning at home and communicate with parents.

Impact of a Suspected or Confirmed Case of Covid-19 in a Class

If the school is notified that a person in your child's class has a suspected or confirmed case of Covid-19

- The parents of all children in the class will be notified
- Public health advice will be sought and followed

Personal Equipment

- In so far as possible, it is requested that children from 1st to 6th Class will bring their own pens, pencils, colours, rubbers, etc., to school in their own pencil case to avoid the sharing of equipment
- Every child should have tissues and their own personal sanitiser for their own use.
- It is further requested that all items have the child's name on them for ease of identification.
- All Personal belongings will be stored in individual boxes
- Third to sixth class will have to hang coats on chairs. It is not possible to socially distance in Middle and Senior cloakrooms.

Shared Equipment

By necessity, some classroom equipment needs to be shared including tablets, laptops and the equipment used for structured activities and play in Infant classrooms. Cleaning of such shared equipment with wipes or other cleaning products will take place at regular intervals to minimise the risk of the spread of infection.

The school will have access weekly to a Fogging Machine for a deep clean to sanitise classroom, materials and general space.

Learning Support

In keeping with our Special Education policy, learning support will be provided by a blended approach of in-class support and withdrawal. The provision of support will be organised to ensure our support teacher will work within the confines of a bubble.

- The bubble will be divided into pods to assist supervised movement of children from class to learning support room.



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- Where a support teacher is working alongside a class teacher in a classroom, both teachers must be mindful of maintaining social distance from one another.
- Where children from 2nd to 6th Class receive support in the General Purpose Room, social distancing of 1 metre will be maintained between each child in the pod.
- The tables and chairs in the General Purpose Room will be wiped clean with a chlorine based sanitiser in between different groups attending.

PPE

While it is not envisaged that PPE will be worn by staff in general, staff who are attending to particular care needs or who are administering first aid will wear appropriate PPE including gloves and face masks. Teachers will be provided with masks/visors.

Teacher Absence and Substitution

In the event that teacher is unable to attend school, every effort will be made to secure a substitute teacher for the class. If a substitute teacher is not available, it is not appropriate for the class to be divided into groups and accommodated in other classes. In such circumstances, it may not be possible for the class to attend on that day. If that is the case, as much notice as possible will be given to parents.

PE

Where possible, PE will take place outdoors and use of equipment will be confined to bubbles/pods that have been distributed to class groupings. Infants will be assigned individual equipment. Coach only for outdoor activities as social distancing is not possible in Hall. If the Hall is being used by pods, common touch points will be cleaned by class teacher.

Templeorum staff and management have availed of the following resources to assist in devising this plan

-COVID19 Response Plan GOV.IE

DES circulars(Awaiting more)

HSE/ NPHET

We hope this plan will reassure you that Templeorum NS is a happy and hopeful place to return to!