

**St. Cuan's College,
Castleblakney
Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.**



**Covid 19 Policy Statement
(as required by Department of Education & Skills)**

Ratified by St. Cuan's College Board of Management: 25th August 2020.

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**Justin Harkin
Chairperson**

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**Collette Kennedy Walsh
Principal**

Mission Statement

St. Cuan College is a Catholic Diocesan Co-Educational College.

St. Cuan's College is dedicated to the academic, social, cultural and spiritual growth of its students. In this pursuit, we are devoted to achieving the highest attainable level of education and promoting the development of young men and women of strong moral character consistent with the school's Christian tradition.

We endeavour to create a stimulating, respectful and supportive environment for staff, students and families in which all are valued and encouraged to develop and share their unique talents. St Cuan's College promotes further education beyond Leaving Certificate, inviting the local community to join us in our pursuit of personal development - mind, body and spirit.

St. Cuan's College COVID -19 Policy Statement

St. Cuan's College 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 adopted the COVID-19 Response Plan proposed to Post-Primary Schools by the Department of Education and Skills (see attached document).

The Board of Management and all school staff are responsible for the implementation of this plan and a combined effort will help contain the spread of the virus.

The Board, with the support of St. Cuan's Senior and Middle Leadership Team, 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
- agree with staff, a worker representative who is easily identifiable to carry out the role outlined in this plan in relation to summer provision
- inform all staff and students of essential hygiene and respiratory etiquette and physical distancing requirements
- adapt the school to facilitate physical distancing as appropriate in line with the public health guidance and direction of the Department of Education and Skills
- keep a contact log to help with contact tracing
- 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

- provide instructions for staff and students 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 on-going basis and feedback is encouraged on any concerns, issues or suggestions.

This can be done through the Lead Worker Representative who will be supported in line with the agreement between the Dept. of Education and Skills and other recognised education partners, e.g. JMB.