



## Covid-19 and the re-opening of CBC in late August 2021

After fifteen months of pandemic, lockdown, disruption and all the personal and communal restrictions that this has entailed, we are now in a position of great hope following the rollout of the vaccines. We are optimistic that a period and form of relative normality will be with us in the not too distant future. The Covid-19 pandemic has impacted severely on every part of our society and I would like to thank you and your families for your support to our dedicated staff in CBC. This past fifteen months have brought new challenges, not only in how we teach in schools, but also in how we all live our everyday lives. Our staff will continue to endeavour to meet the needs of our school community at both an educational and pastoral level.

At present, there are some uncertainties regarding the next school year and we face some unknowns. However, our updated **Return to School Safely Protocols & Guidelines** will be in place from late August and available to view on the school’s website at that time. The current plan (which is subject to change allowing for the most up-to-date NPHET advice and guidelines) is that our classes will continue and will be modified in light of evolving public health advice. By following the steps outlined in this protocol, the CBC school community can collectively play its part in preventing the spread of the virus. The purpose of the updated school response plan is to provide clear and helpful guidance for the safe operation of CBC Monkstown Park through the prevention, early detection and control of COVID-19. It provides key messages to minimise the risk of COVID-19 for staff, students, families and the wider community while recognising the importance of education for the health and wellbeing of students and society as a whole.

**Coronavirus COVID-19** Public Health Advice

**If you have fever and/or cough you should stay at home regardless of your travel or contact history.**

If you have returned from an area that is subject to travel restrictions due to COVID-19 you should restrict your movement for 14 days. Check the list of affected areas on [www.dfa.ie](http://www.dfa.ie)

**How to Prevent**

- Wash**: your hands well and often to avoid contamination
- Cover**: your mouth and nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing and discard used tissue
- Avoid**: touching eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands
- Clean**: and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- Stop**: shaking hands or hugging when saying hello or greeting other people
- Distance**: yourself at least 2 metres (6 feet) away from other people, especially those who might be unwell

**All people are advised to:**

- > **Reduce** social interactions
- > **Keep a distance** of 2m between you and other people
- > **Do not** shake hands or make close contact where possible

If you have symptoms visit [hse.ie](http://hse.ie) QR phone HSE Live **1850 24 1850**

**Symptoms**

- > Fever (High Temperature) > A Cough > Shortness of Breath > Breathing Difficulties

**For daily updates visit**

[www.gov.ie/health-covid-19](http://www.gov.ie/health-covid-19)  
[www.hse.ie](http://www.hse.ie)

Ireland is operating a containment strategy in line with WHO and ECDC advice.

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