



Bunscoil Rhumsaa

COVID Response Plan



This document outlines the key actions that we will take at Bunscoil Rhumsaa, when there is an outbreak of Covid in the Community. It is important to understand that this is only a guide and that all action taken will be influenced by advice from DESC, Public Health and COMIN. In addition as the level of uptake of the Vaccine, and as more is known about COVID 19, our responses will change. The decision to move from one level to another will be taken by the Headteacher, or in their absence the member of staff in charge at that time. This decision will be made based on the most up to date information available at that time.

	School Open	Home Learning	Mixing of Classes / Year Groups inside	Mixing of classes / Year Groups outside	Swimming	Handwashing	Lunch time	Parents allowed in school	Visitors allowed in school	Social Distancing	Face Coverings	Off Site visits	Joint activities with other schools
Level 0 - The New Normal	Yes, attendance compulsory.	No ¹	Yes	Yes	Yes	Whenever children come in from outside	All children eat inside, in year group sittings.	Yes	Yes	No	No ²	Yes	Yes
Level 1 Stay Responsible	Yes, attendance compulsory.	No ¹	As little as possible - some pupils may mix for specific educational reasons eg interventions	Yes	Advice taken from DESC.	Whenever children come in from outside	All children eat inside, in year group sittings. Packed lunches may eat outside if appropriate	Only for pre booked meetings. Consider use of Teams meeting if possible.	Only for educational reasons and in accordance with current Govt guidelines	No	Yes, all staff are expected to wear face coverings. Pupils in Years 5&6 encouraged	Risk assessment made and decision made based on that. See note 3	No
Level 2 Stay Safe	Yes - Attendance Optional	Yes - remote learning package to include curated independent activities and Teams support	No	No - Separate play times or playgrounds for each class.	No	Supervised, whenever children come in from outside.	All children eat inside, in year group sittings. Packed lunches may eat outside if appropriate	Only for critical pre booked meetings. Consider use of Teams meeting if possible.	No	Encouraged in line with Government advice	Yes, all staff are expected to wear face coverings. Pupils in Years 5&6 encouraged	No	No
Level 3 Stay at Home	No, unless in use as Hub School for Key workers	Yes, full remote learning package as per school policy.	No	No - Separate play times or playgrounds for each class.	No	Supervised, whenever children come in from outside, and when they change activity or seating area.	All children eat 2m apart .	No All meetings via Teams or similar	No	Strongly encouraged	Yes for adults Optional for children	No	No
Level 4 Lockdown	No, unless in use as Hub School for Key Workers	Yes, full remote learning package as per school policy.	No	No - Separate play times or playgrounds for each class.	No	Supervised, whenever children come in from outside, and when they change activity or seating area.	All children eat 2m apart .	No All meetings via Teams or similar	No	Enforced	Yes for adults Optional for children	No	No

1 - Home Learning. Some Home Learning activities will be made available for pupils in the event of significant staff absence or other reason resulting in groups or classes being asked to stay home. This will be in line with our school policy, and will include use of Education City, Bug Club, MyMaths etc. Until Level 3 is reached it will likely not be possible to provide daily Teams meetings, as the staff will be working directly with the rest of the children in school. This provision will not be routinely provided for children who are off school due to illness, as this is normally of a short duration, or children who are in isolation due to the family choosing to travel.

2 - Face coverings - The school will support any child or adult who wishes to wear a face covering at any time, for any reason.

3 - Off site visits - This can cover a wide range of activities, some of which may well be safe to take place at level 1 e.g. a walk around the local area as part of a topic on 'Our Community', whereas a whole school trip to a concert at the Villa Marina would not be suitable. For this reason a decision on off site visits at this level will be made following a detailed risk assessment and consultation with other stakeholders.