Malahide Community School
COVID-19 Policy Statement

Malahide Community School is committed to providing a safe and healthy workplace for all of our staff and a safe learning environment for all of our students. To ensure this, we have developed the following **COVID-19 Response Plan**. 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.

We will:

• continue to monitor our **COVID-19** response and to amend this plan in consultation with our staff
• provide up to date information to our staff, Parents/Guardians and students on the Public Health advice issued by the HSE and Gov.ie, via our school website
• display information on the signs and symptoms of **COVID-19** and correct hand-washing techniques
• agree with staff, a Lead Worker Representative who is easily identifiable to carry out the role outlined in this plan
• 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
• 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 ongoing basis and feedback is encouraged on any concerns, issues or suggestions. This can be done through the Lead Worker Representative(s), who will be supported in line with the agreement between the Department and education partners.

Signed: _____
Principal

Date: _10/8/20_____

Signed: _____
Chairperson of the Board of Management

Date: _10/8/20_____