**COVID-19 Policy Statement**

Boston National School is committed to providing a safe and healthy workplace for all our staffand a safe learning environment for all our pupils. To ensure that, we have developedthe following COVID-19 Response Plan. The BOM and all school staff are responsiblefor the implementation of this plan and a combined effort will help contain the spread ofthe virus. We will:

* continue to monitor our COVID-19 response and amend this plan in consultationwith our staff
* provide up to date information to our staff and pupils on the Public Health adviceissued by the HSE and Gov.ie
* display information on the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and correct handwashing techniques
* agree with staff, a worker representative who is easily identifiable to carry out therole outlined in this plan
* inform all staff and pupils of essential hygiene and respiratory etiquette andphysical distancing requirements
* adapt the school to facilitate physical distancing as appropriate in line with theguidance and direction of the Department of Education
* keep a contact log to help with contact tracing
* ensure staff engage with the induction / familiarisation briefing provided by theDepartment of Education
* implement the agreed procedures to be followed in the event of someoneshowing symptoms of COVID-19 while at school
* provide instructions for staff and pupils to follow if they develop signs andsymptoms 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: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_