

Covid19 Response Plan and Policy

ClarkeArt is committed to providing a safe and healthy art studio for all our students. To ensure that, we have developed the following COVID-19 Response Plan. A combined effort with both parents and students will help contain the spread of the virus. We will:

- continue to monitor our COVID-19 response and amend this plan in consultation with parents and students
- provide up to date information to parents 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
- inform all students of essential hygiene and respiratory etiquette and physical distancing requirements
- adapt the workplace to facilitate physical distancing
- keep a contact log to help with contact tracing
- develop a procedure to be followed in the event of someone showing symptoms of COVID-19 while in the art studio
- provide instructions for students to follow if they develop signs and symptoms of COVID-19 during a class
- intensify cleaning in line with government advice

Planning and Preparing at ClarkeArt

Planning and preparing has been implemented to ensure a safe return to the art studio and covered such items as information and guidance, signs and symptoms of COVID-19, dealing with a Suspected Case of COVID-19, keeping a COVID-19 contact log, identifying and putting in place control measures and updating our safety statements, selection, cleaning and management of art materials and equipment from an infection prevention viewpoint, risk assessments and emergency plans.

Control Measures at ClarkeArt

ClarkeArt has evaluated the measures we are implementing to prevent or minimise the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace and in our communities. Measures which must be complied with include: Hand hygiene / Hand sanitising, Respiratory hygiene advice to students: avoid touching the face, eyes, nose and mouth, cover coughs and sneezes with an elbow or a tissue and dispose of tissues in a covered bin. Control measures to help minimise contact and ensure physical distancing, as far as possible. ClarkeArt has identified the activities that involve interacting with other students, visitors and others and put in place measures to help prevent contact and ensure physical distancing, as far as possible, considering at-risk students.

Cleaning and Disinfection at ClarkeArt

We have put in place an effective cleaning and disinfection system as regular cleaning and disinfection will help reduce the spread of the virus. We have arranged for frequently touched surfaces, such as door handles, light switches, art materials and equipment etc. to be cleaned regularly. Students will be provided with cleaning materials to keep their own workspace hygienically clean.

All parents and students will be consulted on an ongoing basis and feedback is encouraged on any concerns, issues or suggestions. This can be done through Angela Clarke

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