



To all schools

Notice regarding Covid-19 Capitation funding supports for Term 1 2021/22 School year

It is a key objective of the Government's plan for living with COVID-19 (Resilience and Recovery 2020-2021: Plan for Living with COVID-19) is that our children and school staff can attend school safely.

HSE Public Health has reviewed the measures put in place to ensure safe operation of schools and is satisfied that these infection prevention and control measures, when implemented correctly and adhered to, will continue to keep the school community safe.

Covid-19 Capitation Grant funding is provided to support schools to implement these measures.

Details of the Covid-19 Capitation Grant funding to support schools in this regard are included below. This funding will be issued to schools before the end of September.

As was the case in 2020/21, standard capitation related grants will continue to be paid as normal to enable Boards of Management to retain Ancillary Staff on their Payrolls and to meet other school running costs.

Post-Primary Schools in the Fee Charging Sector whose application for Covid-19 capitation funding in 2020/21 was successful will automatically qualify for funding in Term 1 2021/22.

Grant payments will be calculated using the same per capita rates as applied for the 2020/21 school year and will be based on recognised enrolments for September 2020.

COVID-19 Capitation Grants Term 1 - Rates per pupil		
Primary Schools	Mainstream	Special Classes/Special School
Enhanced Cleaning	€21.00	€25.67
PPE	€20.00	€80.00
Note: Grants paid to schools with an enrolment of equal to or less than 60 pupils are based on a minimum enrolment of 60 pupils.		

COVID-19 Capitation Grants Term 1 - Rates per pupil		
Post-Primary Schools	Mainstream	Special Classes
Enhanced Cleaning	€11.00	€13.33
PPE	€32.00	€128.00
Enhanced Supervision	€35.00	€35.00

Note: Grants paid to schools with an enrolment of equal to or less than 200 pupils are based on a minimum enrolment of 200 pupils.

Illustrative examples of the value of these grants payable for schools of various sizes are provided at Appendix A.

All Covid-19 Capitation related grants are to be used for the purpose as previously outlined in Circulars 0045 and 0046/2020 also available on the Department's website at the links provided below.

<https://www.gov.ie/en/circular/66480-covid-19-operational-supports-for-the-full-return-to-school/>

<https://www.gov.ie/en/circular/da0cd-covid-19-operational-supports-for-the-full-return-to-school-post-primary/>

Schools may utilise funding provided across the range of grants to ensure adequate cash flow at certain times.

Income and expenditure must continue to be recorded in school accounts and attributed to the individual grants as appropriate.

Schools are reminded to ensure that stocks are managed and procured appropriately to avoid any overstocking of supplies. This is to ensure value for money is being achieved and to avoid wastage.

As previously advised any unspent Covid-19 Capitation related funding for the last school year i.e. 2020/21 must be returned to the exchequer and details of the arrangements for this was provided in the notice issued to schools on 27th May 2021 regarding Covid-19 Capitation funding for Term 3 of the 20/21 school year.

The same requirement will apply to any unspent Covid-19 Capitation related funding for the 21/22 school year must be returned to the exchequer and details of the arrangements for same will be provided at a later stage-

For further queries please contact the Department by email at covid19_alert@education.gov.ie or by phone at 057 9324461.

The Department will continue to work closely with all of the education partners and public health specialists so that schools will continue to be supported for the 2021/22 school year, I again wish to thank you for your continued dedication in ensuring schools are safe places for both pupils and adults.

Yours faithfully

Deirdre Shanley

Assistant Secretary

Illustrative examples of the value of these grants payable for schools of various sizes

Primary Schools		
Value of Covid-19 Capitation Grants - Mainstream Rate - Term 1 21/22 School year		
Pupil Enrolment	Cleaning	PPE
Up to 60	€1,260	€1,200
100	€2,100	€2,000
200	€4,200	€4,000
400	€8,400	€8,000
600	€12,600	€12,000

Primary Special Schools		
Value of Covid-19 Capitation Grants – Enhanced Rate - Term 1 21/22 School year		
No of Teachers	Cleaning	PPE
1	€1,540	€4,800
2	€1,592	€4,960
3	€2,464	€7,680
4	€3,337	€10,400
5	€4,210	€13,120
6	€5,057	€15,760
7	€5,853	€18,240
8	€6,623	€20,640
9	€6,982	€21,760
10	€7,829	€24,400
11	€8,676	€27,040
12	€9,524	€29,680
13	€10,371	€32,320
14	€11,218	€34,960
15	€12,065	€37,600
16	€12,912	€40,240

Post-Primary Schools			
Value of Covid-19 Capitation Grants - Mainstream Rate - Term 1 21/22 School year			
Pupil Enrolment	Cleaning	PPE	Supervision
Up to 200	€2,200	€6,400	€7,000
400	€4,400	€12,800	€14,000
600	€6,600	€19,200	€21,000
800	€8,800	€25,600	€28,000
1,600	€17,600	€51,200	€56,000