

COVID-19 Grants

Schools in the Free Education Scheme

The range of additional supports available to post primary schools include the following:

1. Covid Minor Works Grant
2. Covid Aide Grant
3. Covid Capitation Grant - Cleaning Supports
4. Covid Capitation Grant - Purchase of hand sanitiser and PPE
5. Covid Enhanced supervision supports
6. Replacement costs for Employees deemed High Risk by the Occupational Health Service

1. Covid Minor Works Grant

This grant is for schools to implement necessary reconfiguration measures in their school in line with the Roadmap for the full Return to School, public health advice on the reopening of schools and their COVID-19 Response Plan.

- €10,000 basic grant
And
- €100 per mainstream
- €400 per student in special classes

2. Covid Aide Grant

Schools may employ an aide (s) to assist with the physical and logistical arrangements necessary for school re-opening including movement of furniture, setting up hand sanitising stations, signage, training, engaging with parents and staff etc. The daily rate payable is €143.32. This is inclusive of employers PRSI and holiday pay of 8%.

- €143.32 per day

The table below sets out the number of days applicable based on school size

Enrolment	No. of Days
<600	15
>600	20

3. Covid Capitation Grant- Cleaning Supports

COVID-19 Capitation grant is to provide for enhanced cleaning and the purchase of necessary supplies of hand sanitiser and PPE for use in the school and classroom.

- Mainstream: €33 per pupil (1/3rd paid in August 2020)
- Special Class €40 per pupil (1/3rd paid in August 2020)

The grant paid to schools with an enrolment of equal to or less than 200 pupils is based on a minimum enrolment of 200 pupils. Enhanced rates are payable in respect of students attending

special classes attached to mainstream schools to assist with the extra costs associated with the cleaning of classrooms with a small number of students, operating specialist provision.

4. Covid Capitation Grant - Purchase of Hand Sanitiser and PPE

The funding will be paid in instalments, the first of which is paid in mid-August to cover the period to December 2020

- Mainstream: €40 per pupil (Up until end of December 2020)
- Special Class €160 per pupil (Up until end of December 2020)

5. Covid Enhanced Supervision Supports Grant

Additional supervision supports are provided to manage and prevent congregation of large groups of students and ensure the careful movement in a socially distant manner to classes for specialist subjects where it is neither practical nor possible to remain in the classroom. The level of available funding to schools outlined in the table below is payable at the rate of €105 per pupil by reference to the recognised mainstream enrolment on 30 September 2019.

- Mainstream: €105 per pupil
- Special Classes €105 per pupil

The grant paid to a school with an enrolment of equal to or less than 200 pupils is based on a minimum enrolment of 200 pupils. The funding is issued in instalments. For more information see [Financial Guideline 52-2019/2020](#).

6. Replacement costs for Employees deemed High Risk by the Occupational Health Service

Where an employee has been advised by the OHS that he/she is at a very high risk of serious illness from contracting COVID-19 and is not attending the workplace, the employee remains on their normal salary. The employer may appoint a substitute.

Payment of a substitute employee will be based on the existing contractual weekly hours of the employee who is not attending the workplace due to being advised by the OHS that he/she is at a very high risk of serious illness from contracting COVID-19.

Claims are to be submitted in arrears at the end of each 2-month period e.g. claims for September and October to be submitted in November. It may be possible to accept more frequent claims if a school is experiencing financial difficulties.

For more information see [Financial Guideline 53-2019/2020](#).

Developing Schools

Schools that are currently in the developing stage, i.e. schools that opened since September 2015, will have the additional supports calculated based on the projected enrolment for September 2020.

Accounting for grants income and expenditure

The following codes can be added to the school's chart of accounts in order to account for these grants.

Nominal Code	Description	Type	Category
3277	COVID Minor Works Grant-Non Capital	Income	Department of Education & Skills Income
3280	COVID Aide Grant	Income	Department of Education & Skills Income
3281	COVID Capitation PPE Grant	Income	Department of Education & Skills Income
3282	COVID Enhanced Supervision Grant	Income	Department of Education & Skills Income
3283	COVID Capitation for Additional Cleaning Grant	Income	Department of Education & Skills Income
5316	COVID Minor Works Grant (Non Capital) Expense	Expenditure	Repairs, Maintenance & Establishment
5801	COVID Aide Grant Wages Expense	Expenditure	Repairs, Maintenance & Establishment
5802	COVID Capitation for PPE Grant Expense	Expenditure	Repairs, Maintenance & Establishment
5803	COVID Enhanced Supervision Grant Wages Expense	Expenditure	Repairs, Maintenance & Establishment
5804	COVID Capitation for Cleaning Wages Expense	Expenditure	Repairs, Maintenance & Establishment
5805	COVID Capitation for Cleaning Non Wages Expense	Expenditure	Repairs, Maintenance & Establishment
2169	COVID Minor Works Grant Unspent	Current Liability	Accruals
2181	COVID Aide Grant Unspent	Current Liability	Accruals
2182	COVID Capitation for PPE Grant Unspent	Current Liability	Accruals
2183	COVID Enhanced Supervision Grant Wages Expense	Current Liability	Accruals
2184	COVID Capitation for Additional Cleaning Grant Unspent	Current Liability	Accruals