

COVID-19 Grants

The range of additional supports available to 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. 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.

- €5,500 basic grant
And
- €18.50 per mainstream
- €74 per student in special classes

2. Covid Aide Grant

- €143.32 per day

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. The table below sets out the number of days applicable based on school size. This is inclusive of employers PRSI and holiday pay of 8%.

Enrolment Range		
From	To	No. of Days
<300		2
301	600	5
>600		10
All Special Schools		10

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: €63 per pupil (1/3rd paid in August 2020)
- Special Class €77 per pupil (1/3rd paid in August 2020)

The grant paid to schools with an enrolment of equal to or less than 60 pupils is based on a minimum enrolment of 60 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

- Mainstream: €25 per pupil - Up until end of December
- Special Class €100 per pupil - Up until end of December

5. 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.

The claim form can be found at:

Primary

<https://www.fssu.ie/app/uploads/2020/08/Financial-Guideline-P23-COVID-19-Arrangements-for-certain-employees-employed-using-grant-funding.pdf>

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.

