



**To: The Managerial Authorities of all recognised Primary, Post Primary and Special Schools**

**Notice regarding Covid-19 Capitation funding supports**

Covid-19 Capitation Grant funding is being provided for Term 1 of the 2022/23 school year to support schools to continue to implement infection prevention and control measures, such as hand hygiene, respiratory hygiene and cleaning to reduce the risk of the spread of COVID -19 and to protect the safety, health and welfare of staff, students, parents and visitors.

As there is no longer a requirement for physical distancing in schools the Covid-19 Capitation grant in respect of enhanced supervision for Post-Primary Schools will not be paid for the school year 22/23. In addition, while it is no longer a requirement for staff or students to wear a mask in school, they may continue to wear a mask if they wish to do so on a personal basis and schools will continue to make masks available on request to staff or students as they are currently doing.

Further details of the Covid-19 Capitation Grant funding for Term 1 2022/23 are included below. This funding will be issued to schools shortly.

Standard capitation related grants continue to be paid to meet other school running costs.

Post-Primary Schools in the Fee Charging Sector whose application for Covid-19 Capitation funding in 2020/21 and 2021/22 was successful will automatically qualify for funding in Term 1 2022/23.

Grant payments for Term 1 of the 2022/23 school year will be calculated using the same per capita rates as applied for Term 1 of the 2021/22 school year and will be based on recognised enrolments for September 2021. However, it is important to note that the Enhanced Cleaning and PPE grant payments are being combined into one payment for Term 1 2022/23 i.e. COVID-19 Combined Cleaning Supports and Sanitiser/PPE Grant.

As can be seen in the table below, the total value of the Combined Cleaning and PPE Grant will be the same as the two separate grant payments.

<b>COVID-19 Capitation Grants Term 1 - Rates per pupil – Primary Schools</b>		
<b>Grant Rates</b>	<b>Mainstream</b>	<b>Special Classes/Special School</b>
<b>Combined Cleaning and PPE Grant Rates - Term 1 22/23</b>		
Combined Cleaning and PPE Rate	€41.00	€105.67
<b>Enhanced Cleaning and PPE Grant Rates previously paid for Term 1 21/22</b>		
Enhanced Cleaning	€21.00	€25.67
PPE	€20.00	€80.00
<b>Note:</b> Grants paid to schools with an enrolment of equal to or less than 60 pupils are based on a minimum enrolment of 60 pupils.		

<b>COVID-19 Capitation Grants Term 1 - Rates per pupil – Post-Primary schools</b>		
<b>Grant Rates</b>	<b>Mainstream</b>	<b>Special Classes</b>
<b>Combined Cleaning and PPE Grant Rates - Term 1 22/23</b>		
Combined Cleaning and PPE Rate	€43.00	€141.33
<b>Enhanced Cleaning and PPE Grant Rates previously paid for Term 1 21/22</b>		
Enhanced Cleaning	€11.00	€13.33
PPE	€32.00	€128.00
<b>Note:</b> 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 relevant grants as appropriate. The ETB Head Offices have been informed separately on how to record their income and expenditure.

Schools are again 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 must be returned to the Department's bank account by electronic funds transfer. The deadline for return of funding relating to the 21/22 school year is 30th September 2022. One lodgement covering all grants (Enhanced Cleaning, PPE and Enhanced Supervision as appropriate) should be made.

Details of the funds being returned should be emailed to the Department by schools, except those in the ETB Sector.

ETBs will also be required to return any unspent funds for their schools to the Department's bank Account. ETB Financial, and Administrative Personnel Section will be in further contact with each ETB Head Office with additional information on the arrangements for the ETB sector.

Further details in relation to the arrangements for the return of unspent funds for the 21/22 school year are included at Appendix B.

For further queries please contact the Department by email at [covid19\\_alert@education.gov.ie](mailto: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 be supported in implementing any measures that may be required for the remainder of this school year.

Thank you once again for your continued commitment to implementing these arrangements to protect staff, students, parents and visitors.

Yours faithfully

Deirdre Shanley  
Assistant Secretary  
September 2022

## Appendix A

Illustrative examples of the value of the Combined Cleaning and PPE grant payable for schools of various sizes.

<b>Primary Schools</b>	
<b>Value of Covid-19 Capitation Grants - Mainstream Rate - Term 1 22/23 School year</b>	
<b>Pupil Enrolment</b>	<b>Combined Cleaning and PPE</b>
Up to 60	€2,460
100	€4,100
200	€8,200
400	€16,400
600	€24,600

<b>Primary Special Schools</b>	
<b>Value of Covid-19 Capitation Grants – Enhanced Rate - Term 1 22/23 School year</b>	
<b>No of Teachers</b>	<b>Combined Cleaning and PPE</b>
1	€6,340
2	€6,552
3	€10,144
4	€13,737
5	€17,330
6	€20,817
7	€24,093
8	€27,263
9	€28,742
10	€32,229
11	€35,716
12	€39,204
13	€42,691
14	€46,178
15	€49,665
16	€53,152

<b>Post-Primary Schools</b>	
<b>Value of Covid-19 Capitation Grants - Mainstream Rate - Term 1 22/23 School year</b>	
<b>Pupil Enrolment</b>	<b>Combined Cleaning and PPE</b>
Up to 200	€8,600
400	€17,200
600	€25,800
800	€34,400
1,600	€68,800

**Appendix B – Arrangements for the return of unspent funds for the 21/22 School year  
To be retained for use if returning unspent covid-19 capitation related grants to the  
Department of Education**

<b>Covid Refunds</b> <b>Details for use by Primary (except Community National Schools), Voluntary Secondary, Community and Comprehensive schools</b>		
<b>Department Bank Account details</b>	<b>Branch Name</b>	Danske Bank, 3 Harbourmaster Place, IFSC, Dublin 1, D01 K8F1
	<b>Account Name</b>	PMG Gen Remittance
	<b>Account Number</b>	10001155
	<b>Sort Code</b>	95-15-99
	<b>BIC</b>	DABAIE2D
	<b>IBAN</b>	IE16 DABA 9515 9910 0011 55
<b>Message/Legend to be used for the account to which the payment is being lodged</b>	COVIDREFUND2122 immediately followed by School Roll No. e.g. COVIDREFUND212231245A	
<b>Email address to which details of funds being returned should be sent</b>	covidrefundsdf@education.gov.ie	
<b>Details for inclusion in the email</b>	a)Subject line - School Roll Number followed by COVIDREFUND2122 b)Total amount being returned c)Name and Phone number for contact purposes	

<b>Covid Refunds</b> <b>Details for use by Education And Training Boards</b>		
<b>Department Bank Account details</b>	<b>Branch Name</b>	Danske Bank, 3 Harbourmaster Place, IFSC, Dublin 1, D01 K8F1
	<b>Account Name</b>	PMG Gen Remittance
	<b>Account Number</b>	10001155
	<b>Sort Code</b>	95-15-99
	<b>BIC</b>	DABAIE2D
	<b>IBAN</b>	IE16 DABA 9515 9910 0011 55
<b>Message/Legend to be used for the account to which the payment is being lodged</b>	COVIDREFUND2122 immediately followed by the initials of the relevant ETB e.g. COVIDREFUND2122CMETB, COVIDREFUND2122MSLETB	
<b>Email address to which details of funds being returned should be sent</b>	financialetb@education.gov.ie	
<b>Details for inclusion in the email</b>	ETB Financial and Administrative and Personnel Section will be in further contact with each ETB Head Office with additional information on the arrangements for the ETB sector.	