



# Nuachtlitir Scoil Bhríde

**Uimhir 1 Lúnasa 2020/August 2020**

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## Nóta ón bPríomhoide

A thuismitheoirí,

*Tá súil agam go bhfuil sibh i mbarr na sláinte sa tréimhse dhúshlánach seo.*

*Ár mbuíochas libh as ocht bhúr foighne agus tuiscint i rith na h ama seo. I would like to thank you all again for your patience and understanding during our last term in school and again as we approach a different type of school life in September.*

We have received guidelines from the Department of Education regarding our return to school. We do expect that these may possibly change as we draw closer to the end of the month. For now we are working with and following advice received from the Dept. in regards the reopening of schools. The government roadmap provides us with a number of broad themes which are critical to our ability to minimise risk associated with Covid-19 in our schools nationwide. Those are: having a balanced approach, applying common-sense, creating awareness, doing everything practical to avoid Covid and finally staying at home if unwell.

As per our June newsletter, we are looking forward to a return to school life.

We plan to re-open according to the following timetable:

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| <b>Wed &amp; Thurs 26th/27th August</b> | Training & Preparation                     |
| <b>Friday 28th August</b>               | Naí. Bheaga                                |
| <b>Monday 31st August</b>               | Naí. Mhóra & R6 (Plus Naí. Bheaga)         |
| <b>Tuesday 1st September</b>            | R1 & R5 (Plus Naí. Bheaga, Naí, Mhóra, R6) |
| <b>Wednesday 2nd September</b>          | R2, R3 & R4 (Plus all other classes)       |

Our core school times will remain 8.50 - 2.30 (1.30 for infants). However, in the current circumstances, and to facilitate safe movement of class groups, going home times will be staggered. Full details in our Covid Response Plan to follow. As usual, our new infants have a shorter day for their first two weeks of school to help them to adjust. They will go home at 12 o'clock up to Friday the 11th of September.

The focus at the start of the school year will be managing the transition period of returning to school. Scoil Bhríde will offer a welcome opportunity for our children to revive social connections with school friends. Our children may also be anxious as they return to school. We plan to take small steps thus giving the children time to reconnect and settle into their class as we focus on their wellbeing and the introduction of the various new daily routines throughout the school.

Our School Covid Response Plan will be communicated to you in the near future. It will give details of:

1. the physical preparations made for the return to school
2. advice, procedures and training for the return of all staff and pupils
3. specific and general advice on how all pupils, parents, staff and visitors will prevent the spread of the virus.

If your child falls into the High or Very High Risk Category (see <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/people-at-higher-risk.html>) please inform the school as soon as possible to help us in our planning to support them. Please send details to [scoilbhríde2@hotmail.com](mailto:scoilbhríde2@hotmail.com) and we will get in touch with you.

*Táimid fíor bhuíoch díot as do chomhoibriú leanúnach le Scoil Bhríde. Idir an dá linn tugaigí aire mhaith dá chéile. We thank you for your continued support and in the meantime mind each other and stay safe.*

Le meas, Máire