

Nuachtlitir Scoil Bhríde

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Nóta ón bPríomhoide

A thuismitheoirí,

Tá súil againn go raibh Nollaig fíor deas agaibh go léir agus go bhfuil na leanaí sona.

We hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and that this finds our children and school community safe and well.

As you are all aware the rise in Covid cases has caused the closure of schools and so much more. We ask you to stay safe and stay engaged with us over the next few weeks and hopefully we will be returning to school in February.

As outlined below we will continue with our learning via google classrooms and live classes will also take place. We will start tomorrow with short sessions in order to welcome the children back and to help them settle into the live session with their teacher. The amount of time online will vary between the younger classes, with longer sessions for the middle and older classes. A number of recordings will also be provided on the google classroom platform and will be available to children who may have missed a live session (the class teacher only will make these recordings). We plan to continue covering the year's curriculum and our textbooks as much as possible.

We ask you to locate an area in your home for your child to sit comfortably away from a radio/TV or any distractions and to avail of a headset or earphones during the live sessions.

We understand this will not be easy on families, we ask you to do your best to attend the class groups live slot and to engage as much as possible with returning to the google classroom platform of learning.

Thank you for the feedback received from our survey sent out last Thursday. All suggestions have been considered and any further suggestions will be taken on board during the course of the closure. Thanks also for the many messages of support and offers to help with book collections etc.

Our thoughts are with families and individuals around the country and the world who are unwell and battling the virus. Let us stay home, stay safe, limit our contacts and mind each other. This will pass with everyone's cooperation and in the meantime stay connected with us so your child still thinks school, friends, fun and good thoughts and we will do our best to keep their spirits up.

The time slot for your child's class is on page 2 and we ask that online safety is at the forefront of our minds for our school children. You can log into google classrooms with your child's log in details, they are the same as last year. Each sibling must log into their own account.

Good luck to everyone tomorrow, children and our teachers alike and a big welcome to our new children starting with us tomorrow.

Maith sibh ar fad.
Le fíor meas, Máire

Dataí le teacht/ Upcoming Dates

**Seachtain Caitleacha/
Catholic Schools Week**
26/1/2021—2/2/2021

Léamhaton/Readathon
1/2/2021-5/3/2021

**Brise Lár Tearma
/Midterm Break**
15/2/2021-19/2/2021



Ceisteanna/Questions
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An Plan/Distance Learning Plan

A list of work will be posted on your child's google classroom on a Sunday evening. A series of live classes will take place each morning. The children will have an opportunity to see their teacher and their classmates every day and to participate in learning activities together. When a teacher is giving instruction on a new concept they will provide either a recording of that section of the lesson, or an instructional video on the Google Classroom under the relevant subject area, whole live classes will not be recorded. Depending on the class level, a range of offline tasks will be set. We will be encouraging all pupils to upload photos of their work and their teacher will provide timely feedback on the same.

We are very cognisant of our many families where parents are continuing to go out to work and those who are juggling family and working from home. In those situations, we need you all to know that our teachers will continue to engage with your children and their work submitted on Google Classroom and if we know ahead of time what day they might be able to attend a live class we'll make a special effort to make sure they feel a part of the class.

We're sure you'll understand that it would be impossible for us to provide a plan that would suit every family situation during this challenging time. We will review our plan on a weekly basis and make adjustments as needed/possible.

You can communicate with your class teacher via google classroom—send them a private message on your child's assignment, they will respond within regular school hours.

Timetable (subject to change)

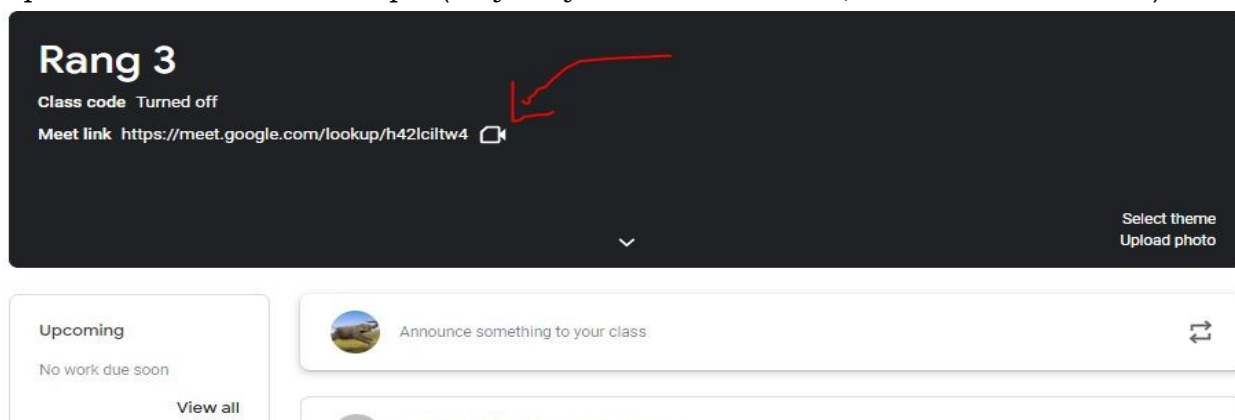
Online classes will begin tomorrow Monday the 11th of January.

We will issue a more detailed timetable in a day or two, for tomorrow we will get together at the following times:

9.15: N.Bh, R1, R2/3, R5

9.45: N.Mh, R3/4, R6

The link to join the live class is now in a new place: it is in the header of the class. See picture below as an example (may vary on mobile devices, look for camera icon):



We hope to settle on a timetable that sees 6th class having upwards of 3 hours live class daily and infants in the 1 hour range, with breaks, to account for attention span. The class levels in between will range as appropriate in between those timeframes, and all classwork will be available for families to follow offline if unable to attend live classes.

Devices on Loan: we will be in touch with all families who have requested a device in the next couple of days.