



# Nuachtlitir Scoil Bhríde

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## Nóta ón bPríomhoide

A chairde,

We hope everyone is doing well and preparing themselves for the next step, the return to school of junior classes, announced on Wednesday evening. As you'll be aware we have been informed that Naí Bheaga - Rang 2 will return to school life next Monday the 1st of March. We will be returning to the Racecourse, however we are totally segregated from the workings of the HSE and the plan in place that has been agreed with the HSE and Department of Education ensures the children and staff are safe and in their own space. This is only a temporary measure as we will be returning to our school very soon. Once the junior classes return on Monday all learning will take place in the classroom and children not attending school can avail of 'obair na seachtaine' (work for the week) which will be located on the google classroom page as has been done since September.

We would ask parents to continue their good practices and avoid sleep overs, unnecessary visits to friends and basically to think twice before any journeys or visits now and in the coming weeks. Congregation between adults on site is prohibited and masks must be worn by all adults if out of their cars. Parents have a huge role to play in ensuring our school stays open. We need to work together to ensure our return is to a safe working and learning space for all. As the Public Health experts are continually reminding us now, a school is only as safe as the community that it is in. We all have our part to play to keep Scoil Bhríde open.

We understand that it may be a difficult decision for parents to decide if they want their child returning to school this side of Easter. The success of the first 10 days of school nationwide will determine whether the rest of the class groups will return or not.

On a lighter note, our school in Menlo is looking good and work has continued throughout the lockdown. The floors and colours look fabulous and the children will love their new classrooms. As of this week we have started returning items to classrooms as the floors are finished and the end looks nearer every day. Our last term will be exciting please God and our new sparkling surroundings will shift the attention from words such as covid and lockdown.

Let's all continue to do our best, to stay safe, mind each other and return to school continuing to stay apart and stay smart.

Le meas,  
Máire

## Dataí le teacht/ Upcoming Dates

### Léamhaton/Readathon

1/2/2021-5/3/2021

### Seachtain Inne- altóireachta /Engi- neering Week

22/2/2021/26/2/2021

### Filleadh ar Scoil Naí- R2/Return to School Infants to R2

01/3/2021

### Seachtain na Gaeilge

1/3/2021-17/3/2021

### Lá Fhéile Pádraig/St. Patrick's Day

17/3/2021

### Saoire na Cásca/Easter Holidays

26/3/2021-9/4/2021



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## Páiste Tinn/Sick Child

Parents of returning children will be asked to complete a [HSE/HPSC Return To Educational Facility Declaration Form](#). We will send you a google form to complete on Sunday and you should not bring your child back to school unless you have submitted the form. You will be asked to submit this form after every period of absence/illness for the remainder of this school year. You, the parents, know your child best and if they seem 'off' or any little bit unwell, we would implore you to avoid even considering sending them to school. Any child who appears unwell at school will be immediately isolated by a member of our support staff and given a mask to wear while they wait for parents/caregivers to collect them. It is very important that you are available to take a call from the school during the day. If you can not be contacted we will move down your emergency contact list. Please ensure that if you are not reachable on a given day, that your 'Emergency Contact' person/people are aware and that they should be ready to answer the phone and collect your child if necessary.

## R3 M.Ciara

Working with the current Department guidelines, the R3 children in M.Ciara's class will return to school with R2 on Monday March 1st. The Department instructions state: '**In instances where teachers are teaching mixed classes that include some pupils from senior classes, those children should also return to school.**' As with so many things at the moment, guidelines are constantly changing. If there is any change to this instruction we will let you know. The R3 children in M. Máirtín's class will continue online classes with him along with additional support from M.Clíona. We hope very much that this situation is just for the 10 school days until we are all back together on March 15th.

## Náí.Bheaga/Náí.Mhóra

As we vacated the ground floor to make way for the HSE, we have secured two lovely learning spaces in the very cool and historic building known as The Weigh Room for Náí.Bheaga and Náí.Mhóra. The children in M.Sarah and M.Sabhbh's classes will be dropped off in the car park of the Weigh Room Building. This car park and building are on your left as you drive in the road by Brook's Brothers. See photo at the end of the NL. We will have a drop and go system in the mornings, where a member of staff will greet them at the steps and they will line up inside the building. This door will open at 8.40am and remain open until 8.50am. Please remain in your cars until the doors open and do not approach the teachers. We would advise any families with children in R1 or R2 to drop their infant child at 8.40am and then drive the usual way into the Killanin Stand area to drop off their other child/children.

## Rang 1 & Rang 2/3

The children in Múinteoir Cian and Múinteoir Ciara's classes can be dropped to the Killanin Stand between 8.40am and 8.50am. They will line up on the track side of the stand. Drop them off as usual and a staff member will be there to guide them to their new Líne.

## Access to Killanin Stand

The access route to the drop-off/pick up at the Killanin Stand remains the same for Scoil Bhride families. You will see as you arrive that HSE traffic is directed to the left, just as you make the last turn right towards the green gate.

## Late Arrivals

Class starts at 8.50am. If you are running late we'd appreciate it if you'd call Susan on 089 2633203 and let her know. She will inform the class teacher who will then either wait outside with the class for your child to arrive or ask Susan to come down and meet them. Susan's new interim 'office' is directly one floor above where she was previously in the Killanin. She can still see arrivals/departures. **It is extremely important that no child is dropped to either building unless you see a staff member to receive them.**

## Security Kiosk/HSE

We understand that the HSE will be setting up a security kiosk to control access to the site. If stopped on your way in on Monday morning please let them know you are a school parent making a drop off. We will supply you with a coloured card to display on your dashboard that will avoid any subsequent need to roll down your window on your way onto the site.

## Bus Scoile/School Bus

The school bus service resumes on Monday morning. You should inform us today if you do not intend to use your ticket/send your child on the bus (Call or text 089 623 3203). The bus will drop infants to The Weigh Room building and the older children as usual to the Killanin Stand.

## Afterschool Service

For the moment, there will not be an afterschool service for infants as before. Once we have settled back to our new routines we will review this. We understand that it's an important service for some families and will resume it as soon as possible.

## If you choose to keep your child at home:

If you choose for your child not to return on Monday, the class work will be available on google classroom. Your child will be marked absent, however, once we receive a green form stating the reason for the absence it will be recorded on the Aladdin system as of NO CONCERN by the school. It is your decision and you must do what is right for your family.

## Fuinneoga Oscailte/Windows Open

As per government guidelines, all classrooms will be ventilated by open windows throughout the school day. Please ensure your child has adequate and warm clothing, an extra vest/t-shirt. As before, we will be taking the children outside to run around and walk the racecourse regularly. Appropriate rain gear and footwear are advised daily.

## Leabhair na bpáistí/Children's school books

For those children returning, please ensure your child brings all of their school books back to school on Monday.



## **Ceisteanna/Questions**

Please submit your questions/comments here. We will reply to you directly or issue an update via Newsletter if appropriate.



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