



# Scoil Bhríde

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## Nóta ón Príomhoide

A thuismitheoirí,

*Ta súil agam go bhfuil sibh ag déanamh go maith.*

We hope everyone is doing well and getting ready for our return to school. Scoil Bhríde has put a return to school protocol in place and your cooperation is vital in the smooth running of our new routines. Our response plan and policy will be available on our website soon and will be updated on an ongoing basis.

Our plan is in line with the Department of Education's information and our objective is to open and stay open. As we return to school life we must retain a degree of flexibility to best meet any varying issues as we settle into the new norm. We ask you to read and acquaint yourself with the various changes, thus avoiding any confusion on our return. As you are very aware, the situation is changing and all arrangements noted here are subject to change.

We will begin our return with Naíonáin Bheaga and Bóin Dé children on the 28th of August.

The presence or not of Covid 19 in our school community is what will likely determine our ability to remain open. With this in mind, we are asking everyone, children, families and school staff to remember it is our personal responsibility to adhere carefully to the latest public health advice. We are looking forward to our return to school and we hope you are all safe and well.

Le meas, Máire



# Ar Ais ar Scoil/Back to School

*Tá clár ama nua againn. Tá an clár seo luaithe thíos:*

## Staggered Timetable

- As per guidelines we will be operating a staggered timetable - drop off times and pick up times are detailed below.
- This will minimise the number of people in the yard.
- Pupils and teachers will be the only people in the yard.
- Adults must **not** come onto the yard.
- For older children please drop them at the crossing and allow them to walk into the yard.
- Please use the one way traffic system around Menlo Village keeping in mind not to block driveways or the road for locals.
- Parents of infant children can walk their children to the gate.
- The pupils will return to school on different dates and times (all detailed below).
- The classes have been divided into two groups - A and B. The arrival and going home times for Groups A and B will
- Group A will arrive at school between 8:40 and 8.50am for school and go home at 2:30pm
- Group B will arrive at school between 8.50 and 9.00am for school and go home at 2:40pm.
- Each class will stand in their line until their teacher collects them from the yard.

Group A	Group B
Naí Bheaga R1 R2/3 R6	Naí. Mhóra R3/4 R 5
<i>Arrival</i> 8:40-8.50 am - collection from yard 8:50am	<i>Arrival</i> 8.50-9.00am - collection from yard 9:00am
<i>Going Home</i> 1:30pm (Naí Bheaga) Other classes 2:30pm	Going Home 1:40pm (Naí Mhóra) Other classes at 2:40pm

\* Junior infants will go home at 12pm for the first two weeks.

Children are not permitted onsite before their allocated arrival time. If your child arrives later than their allocated arrival time they may be required to wait for a period of time to allow for the corridors/stairwells to be cleared and ventilated.

Our return to school will be staggered on the following dates:

	Arrival 8:40-8.50am	Arrival 8.50-9.00am
<b>Dé hAoine 28/8/2020</b>	Naí Bheaga	
<b>Dé Luain 31/8/2020</b>	NBh. R6	Naí Mh.
<b>Dé Máirt 1/9/2020</b>	NBh. R6 R1	Naí Mh. R5
<b>Dé Céadaoin 2/9/2020</b>	NBh. R1 R6 R2/3	Naí Mh. R5 R3/4
<b>Deardaoin GACH RANG</b>	Naí.Bh, R1, R2/3, R6	Naí.Mh, R3/4, R5

The staggered times will continue for the foreseeable future. They will be reviewed by management.

## Eolas Eile / Other Information

### Staggered lunch breaks

- Staggered lunch breaks will take place during the day with children playing with their class group. They will not mix with other class groups. They will be kept in their own bubble. Pods will be created in the senior classes with social distancing maintained between pods during class time. Children will play freely with children from their class bubble at play time.

### High/Very high Category

- If your child is in the High or Very High Risk category please inform the school as soon as possible so that we can work together to put a plan in place.

### Returning from travel abroad

- If your family are travelling home from abroad please respect the latest government guidelines with regard to restricting your movements.

### Obairbhaile / Homework

*Ní bheidh aon obair bhaile go fóilín.*

- We will be giving no homework on a trial basis until the end of September. As per our previous newsletter we want children to reconnect and settle into their class. We also want the children and parents to get back into the routine of school and enjoy going to school again. We will review the situation at the end of the month.
- For this reason school bags will not be needed after your child(ren)s first day at school.

### Google classrooms/online learning

- Our children were fortunate to avail of google classroom during the closure prior to June. In the event of another closure we will return to using this platform. We will avail of their online account and continue with school work without delay. The teachers will review the platform in the classroom with the children to ensure everyone is refreshed on how the system works.

### Facemasks

*Níl gá do na leanaí iad seo a úsáid agus iad ar scoil nó thart na scoile.*

- Under the current guidelines, children under 13 do not have to wear facemasks on a school bus or in a school building. However, if your child wants to avail of a mask/feels more comfortable wearing a mask that is fine also. Teachers will not be in a position to enforce or oversee the wearing of masks.
- The teachers and staff will avail of a visor when in class/on school grounds. This way children can see the teacher's face and facial expressions. Where a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained teachers will also wear a face mask. Please make your child aware of the above plan.

### Social distancing

*Táimid chun fanacht amach óna chéile an méid agus is feidir linn agus mar atá molta duinn.*

- Social distancing, where applicable (3rd-6th) will be adhered to and classrooms will be arranged to the best of our ability to ensure this practice takes place throughout the school day.
- Parents, please maintain a social distance of 2m if walking children to the gate. In the interests of everyone's safety and the success of our return, we ask parents to refrain from congregating in groups at drop off/pick up times.

### Before and after school services

- Both services will be on hold until later in the month. Once we have returned safely and are accustomed to our new routines the situation will be reviewed.

## Personal Belongings at School

- On our first day back we ask that children bring their books, copies and pencil case to school.
  - Children are no longer allowed to share resources and must have their own supplies. All of these items will be left at school.
  - pencil case with 3 x pencils, topper, eraser, ruler, 2 x pritt stick, *one set of colouring pencils only*
  - Infant classes will avail of chublets crayons provided by the school
  - yellow jacket for regular walks/weather pending.
- As there is no homework the children need only bring their lunch bag to school every day, there is no need for a school bag. This will be reviewed as the term goes on.
- Lunch bags and boxes should be easily cleaned at home every evening.
  - Pupils should not bring any toys, collectibles, teddies etc to school

## Labels

*Bí cinnte go bhfuil ainm do pháiste ar gach rud.*

- All of your child's belongings must be labelled.
- Items that are misplaced cannot be returned unless the child's name is on the item.

## Footwear

- Children must avail of velcro footwear in cases where they are still learning how to master shoelaces.
- Please wear runners daily - to enable frequent activity outside.

## Lunch/water bottles

- In order to minimise clean up situations during the school day the children will need a tea towel/cloth/beeswax wrap, which will be placed under their lunch when they eat. This will be folded up afterwards and placed in their lunch box to take home. Maybe you could have a little practice in the days leading up to their return.
- Children should continue bringing a healthy lunch to school with items that are in line with our healthy eating policy and that are easy to clean up - bringing their rubbish home.
- Ensure that younger children are able to use their lunch boxes themselves, that fruit such as oranges are peeled, teachers *will not be able to open packaging.*

## Curriculum Area Focus

- There will be an initial focus on the following subjects in class. English, Irish, Maths, PE, SPHE, R.E., Walks, MINDUP twice daily and handwashing/coughing etiquette.
- We will be reviewing material from the point where we closed in March this year.

## Sick Bay

*Beidh ait ar fáil le haghaidh leanaí atá tinn agus a bhfuil orthu dul abhaile.*

- Children who feel unwell during the school day will be placed in a sick bay area downstairs. Parents will be notified and asked to pick their child up and take them to their GP before their return to school. It is very important that we can contact you to arrange prompt pick up. We will send you a form next week to confirm the contact details we have on our system for you.

## Feadóg stáin/Tin whistle

*An feidir líbh an fhéadóg a fhágáil sa bhaile go fóilín.*

- We ask that the tin whistle remain at home for the time being.

## Hand sanitizers

*Táid seo ar fáil i gach seomra agus thart na scoile.*

- Each classroom has a hand sanitizer dispenser installed and will be available to children throughout the day as needs be.
- They are also positioned inside the doors and at the bottom and top of both stairwells.

Children will be encouraged to use them when entering and exiting their rooms for break times and morning and evening times.

### **Bailiú leanaí i rith an lae/Early collections during the day.**

If you need to collect your child early during the school day the procedure will be as follows

- Ring the school to inform them of the situation, (the day before if possible )
- When you arrive, phone the school and your child will be brought out to the small gate
- Your child should be made aware of the early pick up.

### **Cruinniú le Múinteoir Ranga/Meeting with Class Teacher**

- If you need to meet a teacher or the Príomhoide, call the school to make an appointment or request a phone call. Please do not approach staff on the yard.
- In person meetings will be avoided where possible and face to face meetings will be facilitated on Google Meet.

### **Eadaí/ Clothing**

- Schools nationwide are still awaiting guidance in regards to uniforms/clothing worn to school.
- In schools with uniforms, families are being encouraged to wear a fresh uniform every day. Therefore we suggest changing clothes/washing clothes often as a precautionary measure while we await further guidance.

### **Building Preparations**

Our school is looking gorgeous. Some physical alterations have taken place with the school building in preparation for our return. A number of deep cleans have taken place, hand sanitizers have been located throughout the classrooms and corridors and new towel dispensers are in place. Outside preparations are ongoing and we would especially like to thank Mathew and everyone who has helped so far. As always, we welcome and appreciate parents giving their time and skills. Míle buíochas!

### **Ceisteanna/Questions**

At this time in our preparations, and now that we have shared some of the new arrangements with you we would welcome your input and questions. Please submit questions/queries/comments in this form and we'll do our best to address them in next week's update.

Filleadh ar scoil/Return to school questions: <https://forms.gle/znwaKKQ8vkq2svkk9>