



# Nuachtlitir Scoil Bhríde

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## Nóta ón Príomhoide

*A thuisti,*

*Táimid comh sásta bheith ar ais ar scoil agus sin in ár ranganna libh. We have been delighted to see everyone over the last few days and to be back in school in our classrooms and ready to start learning in school again. We have observed the systems will have in place and staff have met and will meet daily to review how these changes worked out during the school day. We feel our systems are working well, however it is important that we all work off the same page in order to stay well and stay open. This year of all years we ask that children are on time for school (see note below) and that they arrive at the correct time slot. Let's focus on this life skill, let's be on time. Again, we thank our moms and dads for their help in getting us ready to open our doors and to Quintin and Mathew for their nifty paint job on our school wall during the week. Maith sibh. We wish everyone a safe and happy return to school life and may everyone, both children and staff and new staff, have a fun packed and safe year in Scoil Bhríde.*

*Le meas*

*Máire*

## Children only walkway/cosán do pháistí amháin

We would encourage you to use the drop off zone by the zebra crossing. Every child above infants should be able to avail of the drop off area, make sure they have their bag ready to go and you'll avoid delaying anyone behind you. We have created a safe pathway from the zebra crossing to the school gate, marked out with cones. We are asking that this pathway be kept for the exclusive use of the children in the morning, and again until the bus has left in the afternoon, some of our very young children might feel a bit intimidated trying to navigate a crowded path. We will be placing cones at the entrance to the car park also to help prevent anyone pulling in. This makes the car park a safe area

for parents of infants to walk their children to the gate. Do not leave your car unattended in the drop off zone.



## Dataí le teacht/ Upcoming Dates

### Oíche Cúlra Culture Night

18/9/2020

### Chéad Coimíneach / First Holy Communion

26/9/2020

### Seachtain Spás/Space Week

4/10/2020—10/10/2020

### Seachtain Mata/Maths Week 10/10/2020-

18/10/2020

### Saoire Lár Tearma / Mid- Term Break

26/10/2020—30/10/2020

### Saoire na Nollaig / Christmas Holidays

22/12/2020-6/1/2020

## Grúpaí/Groups

Group A	Group B
Naí Bheaga R1 R2/3 R6	Naí. Mhóra R3/4 R 5
<i>Arrival</i> Between 8.40 and 8:50	<i>Arrival</i> Between 8:50am - 9am
<i>Going Home</i> 1:30pm (Naí Bheaga) Other classes 2:30pm	<i>Going Home</i> 1:40pm (Naí Mhóra) Other classes at 2:40pm

## Traffic/Trácht

The car park is for staff only. Do not pull into the car park, don't use it to turn your car and avoid leaving your car unattended at the zebra crossing. If you need to walk your child to the gate, we ask you to park at the crossroads or other suitable location in the village, being very careful to avoid blocking our neighbours' driveways. Be sure to adhere to the one-way system around the village at school drop-off and pick up times.

## Time Slots

Time Slots in the morning are very important. It is not permitted to drop children to school unsupervised before 8.40. Group A can be dropped between 8.40 and 8.50, their teacher will bring them to their class at 8.50. Group B can be dropped between 8.50 and 9.00, their teacher will bring them to their class at 9.00. We have given a ten minute window for each group so as to help spread things out and hopefully avoid congestion at the gate. If you're not in a rush, maybe you could try to arrive closer to the time that the teacher will bring them inside.

## Communication with school/Cumarsáid leis an scoil

While we need to stay apart physically at the moment, we want to assure you that we will do everything possible to keep the lines of communication open and easy to manage. Within school, our staff use Google Meet and Hangouts to conduct their meetings as well as more informal conversations that would otherwise have occurred in one another's classrooms, on the corridors or in the staff room.

If you need to get a message to the school please chose from the following options as appropriate to the situation:

- Call the school phone 091 762323
- Email the school at [scoilbhríde2@hotmail.com](mailto:scoilbhríde2@hotmail.com)
- Email or google hangout call to [gsuite@scoilbhríde1862.ie](mailto:gsuite@scoilbhríde1862.ie)
- Send a private message to your class teacher on your child's Google Classroom account
- Have a quick word with a member of the management/support team at the gate/wall in the morning.

# Communication/Cumarsáid

If you would like to arrange an appointment for a face to face meeting, this can also be accommodated - use the above to initiate the process and we will set up a Google Meet on your child's gsuite account\*. We'd ask that you continue to be understanding and patient as we move into these new practices.

If the above options aren't possible, you may approach the office by knocking on the outside window. Entry to the building is strictly by appointment and only where deemed essential. All other face to face meetings will be facilitated via Google Meet (or other suitable platform). The office window will not be open at drop off/collection time - if you have a message during that time, please give it to a member of staff over the wall.

\*New N.Bh páistí/tuistí, we will send you log in details and supporting documentation to get your child's account up and running over the coming days.

## Múinteoirí Ranga 2020/21

Fáilte ar ais go M. Máirtín agus fáilte mór go M. Máire NíC. Seo a leanas na múinteoirí ranga don scoilbliain atá romhainn.

Náí.Bheaga: M.Sarah  
Náí.Mhóra: M.Sabhbh  
Rang 1: M.Cian  
Rang 2/3: M.Tonáí  
Rang 3/4: M.Máirtín  
Rang 5: M.Catherine  
Rang 6: M.Máire NíC

## Books or Devices On Loan/Leabhair nó ríomhairí ar iasacht

For those families who had a laptop or tablet on loan during the closure, who may not have had a chance to return them before the summer, please be sure to return them promptly. Other families took us up on the offer of borrowing school readers for the summer months. All of these items can be dropped to a member of staff over the wall in the morning or afternoon. Please ensure they are in a plastic bag.

## Medical Conditions/Admin of medicines

Please make the school aware of any medical condition that your child may have. If your child requires the administration of medicine by a member of staff while at school please let us know by emailing [gsuite@scoilbhride1862.ie](mailto:gsuite@scoilbhride1862.ie). We will get in touch with the relevant paperwork/procedure to be completed.

If your child has an inhaler and is managing it independently, it is still useful for us to know how to support them. If you'd like to have an inhaler left in school we'd ask that you send it in a clearly marked small lunch box that will be stored on a shelf in your child's classroom.

It's very important that you advise the school if your child has a condition, such as asthma which might present like one or more symptoms of Covid19. By maintaining regular contact with school we should avoid any unnecessary worry or upset arising from him/her coughing in class.

## Yard time/Am Sosa

Class bubbles will each have their own designated play area and will not be permitted to cross over. For the first few days, while we are still working out the logistics, we won't be giving out play equipment such as skipping ropes and balls. We hope to have our Playworks games back up and running next week, or as soon as possible, once we have established best practice and routines for the use of the equipment.

\*R3 Split class will play together on yard/additional supervision has been allocated to facilitate this and will be reviewed in the coming weeks.

## Healthy Eating/Bia Folláin

It is important that all families are carefully adhering to our healthy eating policy - a note may be placed in your child's lunch box asking that you not send in items that are not allowed. It makes it much easier on everyone when all children have healthy lunches as the children see consistency and fairness.

## Younger Children/Páistí Óga

You will have seen our teachers all wearing visors. Where possible your child's teacher/support teacher would rather not have to put on a mask as well, as it is a barrier to good communication - but we are required to wear them when we are going to be in close contact with a child. We carry masks with us at all times for this purpose. Please spend time with your young child practicing opening and closing their coat. Please ensure you do not send your child to school in laced up shoes unless they can manage them independently. These kinds of tasks require teachers to put on a mask and take time away from all of the other lovely things they have planned for the páistí.

## Questions/Ceisteanna

Some of your questions may have been answered directly but sharing them here may help others who might be wondering about the same thing.

*Are the students books are to be brought to school on the first day in their schoolbags. And returned home empty, not to be needed for the foreseeable future.*

For the moment, yes this is the plan.

*Visible vests for walks to be brought on 1st day also, will not returning home?*

If your child has a hi-vis vest that they won't need outside of school, they can keep it in school on their assigned coat hook. If not, we will be giving one to each child for their exclusive use in school.

*My child has seasonal asthma and needs to keep an inhaler at school, what should I do?*

If your child is independently managing the taking of the inhaler, it is sufficient to send the inhaler in (make sure to note the expiry date and send replacement as necessary) - ideally, it will be stored in a small labelled lunchbox/container on a shelf in their classroom. School management should be informed and a plan agreed together with the class teacher to ensure timely access etc.

Please continue to submit your questions on the google form at <https://forms.gle/MNJ6yTqWZMKLPTSp7>