



Nuachtlitir Scoil Bhríde

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Nóta ón bPríomhoide

Athuistí,

Tá súil agam go bhfuil gach éinne ag déanamh go maith agus sin tar éis teacht go deireadh ár gcéad míosa ar scoil. Ár mbuíochas libh as ucht bhúr comh-obriú agus tuiscint i dtaobh ár nósanna nua.

We hope everyone is doing well and as we enter the month of October we would like to thank you for your cooperation in regards to the new routines in place since our return to school life. Our new systems are working well and we will continue to follow the broad themes in the road map provided by the government in August, most importantly doing everything practical to avoid covid and the importance of staying at home if unwell. During the school weeks since our return our teachers have taken every opportunity to take the children outside to play or for a walk or for their lunch. This will continue as the weather holds for us.

If there are any outstanding queries or concerns do contact us. This journey is new to us all and we want it to be positive and a success in order to keep our doors open and Covid out. We plan to slowly introduce school activities with caution and as we see fit, starting with the before school service. This and other activities will be reviewed monthly.

The objective on our return was that your child would settle into school life with as little anxiety as possible. We feel this has been achieved and we thank those of you who have reported the same to us over the last number of weeks. It is wonderful to see the children returned to school life and to their friends and teachers.

A special welcome to our new parents and children in both Bóin Dé and Scoil Bhríde. We hope you all have many fun packed years of learning and adventures with us as we join you in your journey in the days and years ahead.

*Le meas,
Máire*

Dataí le teacht/ Upcoming Dates

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



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Club na Maidine /Before School service

Tá Club na Maidine againn gach maidin. The Before school service is now open to Scoil Bhríde pupils. It is being run by the teachers and children who attend will be seated according to their class bubbles/pods or sibling groups. It is taking place in the Áras from **7:50am-8:50am**. The school gates will be open in the morning at 7:50am and parents can drive in, drop their child and continue slowly out the main gate again. The gates will be closed at 8:15am. This system will help matters on rainy winter mornings. The Áras will be heated beforehand and all tables and chairs are cleaned down before the following day's session. Please send a book to read or a colouring book and pencils with your child. If you are interested in availing of the service please ring Susan in the school office 091 762323 .

COVID-19 Guidelines

Please familiarise yourself with the latest health guidelines at <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/if-your-child-has-symptoms.html> This page answers most of the questions you might have in regards sending your child to school or keeping them at home. We appreciate your continued efforts and cooperation in helping us to keep COVID19 out of our school and thus keeping the school open. Apart from COVID situations we must also ask you to keep your child at home if they are otherwise unwell. If your child has a sore throat or a cough or an upset stomach, even if it's definitely not COVID related, they risk giving the illness to another child or member of staff. We understand it is very difficult to make arrangements to have them looked after at the last minute but we must insist that you don't send a child to school who is unwell. We are doing everything possible to keep our school open and teachers in classes. Your cooperation is needed now more than ever.

Google Classroom

In the event that your child is at home, following public health guidelines, and is feeling well, we will do everything possible to provide for their continued engagement with learning. Your child's class teacher will post a list of some work from the core subject areas on a Monday morning that will be completed in school that week. If you are in a position to collect their books from school, or arrange for someone else to collect them, they can keep up with their classwork while at home. They can upload photos of their work to their Google Classroom and their teacher will provide feedback/corrections. If you have forgotten your child's log in details send an email to gsuite@scoilbhríde1862.ie. Your child's class teacher will be using Google Classroom throughout the school days and it may feature in our new arrangements for homework, details of which are being worked out currently.

Polsaí Bia sláintiúil / Healthy eating policy

As per the Healthy eating policy all should bring a healthy lunch to school and a drink of water in a reusable container/flask each day. Crisps, chewing gum, fizzy drinks, winders, biscuits, yogurt with sweet/chocolate toppings, chocolate spread, cereal bars with chocolate, popcorn...are not allowed at school. Please see the policy for a comprehensive list.

ALLERGIES: Peanuts & all nuts, sunflower seeds, mayonnaise and coleslaw are not allowed in school lunches as these could affect the children with allergies in the school.

Damhsa Ghaelach/Irish Dancing

Dancing classes postponed currently. Ann Cameron is looking forward to seeing you all again and meeting new young dancers when there is a change to guidelines from the Irish Dancing Commission

An Chéad Chomaoineach / First holy communion

Well done to Rang 3 agus Múinteoir Tonaí & Múinteoir Sabhbh on Saturday of last week. The Rang 3 children received the sacrament of First Holy Communion in Castle-gar Church. It was a little different to previous years and two services took place to ensure safety for all. Fr Reilly delivered a lovely service blended with some beautiful music throughout the service from Múinteoir Sabhbh. We got to see all the beautiful style on Monday when the children wore their lovely outfits to school. We hope everyone enjoyed their special family day with their loved ones.



Communication with School / Cumarsáid leis an scoil

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
- Email or google hangout call to 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.

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 appointment.

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.

Will afterschool services return?

We are reviewing the arrangements that need to be put in place in order offer after-school childcare. These will be informed by public health guidelines. We will provide a further update as soon as available.

Will before-school service be running again soon?

Yes, the before-school service has restarted and is available 5 days a week from 7.50 until 8.50am. Please call Susan 091762323 if you'd like to avail of this.

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