Scoil Bhride

Clara Co Offaly Roll No: 13118U



Dear Parents and Guardians

On behalf of the Board of Management of Scoil Bhríde I hope you are all keeping well in these difficult and unprecedented times for everyone.

The recent announcement that schools will not re-open until September has brought some clarity for all of us, but there is still a lot of speculation about the re-opening. We will continue to share with you the most up to date and accurate information about the re-opening, how it will happen, when it will happen, and the safety measures that will be in place before any child returns.

The guidelines for the re-opening will be drawn up by the Department of Education in consultation with the HSE and all of the representative bodies in the education sector. We all have many questions before this happens and all of the school community including pupils, parents and school staff will need absolute assurance that the re-opening can be managed safely.

Based on guidelines received, we your Board of Management, supported by our Patron and the school staff in consultation with you the parents, will put a specific plan in place for our school to ensure a safe re-opening for all.

We are now in the final few week of this school year, a time when many fun activities are organised. The school staff will continue to keep your children engaged with learning but also with some fun activities that will encourage them and everyone in the household to try new things and enhance their general wellbeing. All of these are an important part of the school curriculum.

Below is a link to "Information for Parents on Continuity of Schooling" recently published by the Department of Education and Skills. Please click on the link to read this publication. https://www.gov.ie/en/collection/965639-continuity-of-schooling/

In Scoil Bhríde our teachers continue to use a variety of learning platforms and other means of communicating with you to ensure we are supporting your child's learning during their time out of school.

We encourage you to keep in regular contact with them and ask that you email your child's teacher or the school on <u>office@sbclara.ie</u> should you need anything further.

We look forward to returning to a new but perhaps a very different school year. In the meantime wish you all good health and thank you for your continuous support and cooperation in these difficult times. Stay safe!

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