

Scoil Bhride

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Scoil Bhride Covid-19 Parents update for return to school on March 1st

Dear Parents/Guardians

As we prepare to re-open school on Monday March the 1st for pupils from Junior Infants to 2nd class we would like to remind you that all of the plans we had in place for our September re-opening will remain in place.

Due to updated government Guidelines we have made the following changes and ask you to observe these for the continuing safety of all.

We would once again like to remind you that all of the arrangements we have put in place are for the protection and safety of the entire school community and appeal to everyone to support them.

As a change to the plan **all children** including Infants will be coming in at **9.20am** from now on.

Government Guidelines have stated that from now on all parents/guardians are being asked not to congregate at the school. We also ask you to wait outside the school gates, to wear masks while standing outside and to drop and go as quickly as possible. Parents/guardians are also asked that while waiting, a 2 metre distance between family groups is maintained.

All parents must fill in the Return to School Declaration form on the Aladdin Connect. If this has not been done your child may not return to school on Monday.

- On Monday morning March 1st at 9.20 am all 4 classes, Junior Infants, Senior Infants, 1st and 2nd will come back to school. 1st and 2nd classes will go directly to their allocated yards on arrival at school.
- **Junior and Senior** Infant pupils from now on will be collected from the gate by their teachers at 9.20 am and taken into their classrooms. Teachers on duty will take them inside the gate on arrival and line them up to wait for their teacher. Their teachers will also walk them to the gate each evening at 2 pm from now on. **On wet mornings only parents may walk the Infant pupils to the door near the small green gate at the side of the school There they will be met by staff on duty and taken to their classrooms.**
- For the next 2 weeks all children must bring their own snacks and lunches as **School Meals** packs have been given out to families who requested them. As before pupils must take home all of their rubbish.
- Parents/guardians must wear masks when dropping and collecting their children.
- Parents/guardians are also asked **NOT** to try to contact the teacher during the morning and evening drop off and collection times. All communication must be by

the Aladdin Connect App, Seesaw or by phone or email. Please let us know using any of these methods that you need to speak to us we will get back to you.

- Teachers will supervise the sanitisation/ washing of all hands to ensure this is done properly. While children may have their own sanitising gel, only those whose parents have informed the teacher in advance that they must use their own gel will be allowed to use it in school. There is a sufficient supply of sanitising gel for all in the school.
- As before, if your child chooses to wear a mask coming to school this must be worn all day and when removing it to eat be placed in a Ziploc plastic bag.
- **On Monday please bring back all Rental Books that were brought home. They will be left unused in the children's cleaned and sanitised boxes not to be used until Thursday at the earliest.**
- Please remember that as in Term 1 all pencil cases and their contents must be left in school from Monday. Only 1 pencil case (clear zipped type) to be brought in.
- A copy of the updated Covid-19 Guidelines for Parents is being emailed to every family with this update. Please read them and remember above all else **DO NOT COME TO THE SCHOOL OR SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF YOU OR ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAS SYMPTOMS OR HAS HAD ANY CONTACT WITH A POSITIVE COVID-19 CASE . If your child is “feeling a bit off”, please keep your child at home. We were instructed by the public health doctors to err on the side of caution for every symptom, sign of illness or generally feeling off. Your child will be sent home if not feeling well.**

We understand that all of these measures may seem extreme but once again we have 1 purpose in mind and that is to prevent the spread of Covid-19 in our school.

We are looking forward to having the girls back on Monday as it will make life so much easier and better for all of us.

Please do not hesitate to make contact with us if you have any questions you need answered.

Yours sincerely
Nora Kavanagh and Staff