

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are all looking forward to seeing the girls back again in school on Monday. To ensure all runs safely and smoothly, we request that you do the following.

1. School Books/Copies/Pencil Cases

Ahead of your child's return to school on Monday, we ask that all school books, copies etc. are placed in a sealed plastic bag and put into your child's schoolbag **this afternoon**. The schoolbag can then be put aside until your child's return to school on Monday morning. This would be of great help to us in implementing a safe return to school.

2. Completion of Return to Educational Facility Parental Declaration Form

It is **essential** that you complete the *Return to Educational Facility Parental Declaration Form* before your daughter returns to school next Monday, 1st March. This can be done on **Aladdin Connect from 3pm on Sunday 28th Feb.** The form is in the Attendance and Notes section.

3. Infection Prevention Control measures

If your daughter is anyway unwell or is displaying any symptoms of Covid-19, it is important that she stays at home and that you contact your doctor and follow the HSE guidance on self-isolation.

Common symptoms of coronavirus include:

- a fever (high temperature - 38 degrees Celsius or above).
- a new cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just dry.
- shortness of breath or breathing difficulties.
- loss or change in your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Pupils should not return to or attend school in the event of the following:

- if they are identified by the HSE as a close contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19
- if they live with someone who has symptoms of the virus
- If they have travelled outside of Ireland; in such instances you are advised to consult and follow latest Government advice in relation to foreign travel.

4. Congregation outside the school

Now that the schools are reopening, it is important that everyone plays their part in ensuring that they remain open.

- Please do not gather in groups outside the school gates in the morning or afternoon.

- Please observe correct social distancing at all times and ensure that your child does so too.
- Please come to the school only at the appointed start and finish time for your daughter's class (see below).
- Where possible, please do not bring other siblings to the school when dropping or collecting pupils.

Arrival Time for classes from Junior Infants to 2nd: Between 8.40a.m. and 8.50a.m.

Collection Time for Junior & Senior Infants: 1.30p.m.

Collection Time for 1st & 2nd classes: 2.30p.m.

5. **Mask Wearing**

It is essential that all parents/guardians wear a face mask at all times when on or around the school premises.

6. **School/Teacher**

We are currently not in a position to facilitate face to face meetings. If you have a concern or query, you can contact the school by emailing the office at office@scoilbhridecailini.ie or by phoning 01-8201717.

Thank you in advance for all your help and support in implementing these measures and I look forward to welcoming your daughters back in the first phase of the reopening next Monday. Have a good weekend!

Yours faithfully,

Paula Dargan