



# Scoil Bhríde Cailíní

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## Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope that you are all keeping well.

We're delighted to be back in school again. Thank you all for your cooperation, patience and flexibility during the school closure. Thank you also for your continued support in implementing our School Covid Plan to help ensure that we do our utmost to keep everyone in the school community safe.

I would like to compliment the girls on their smooth transition back to school. It was wonderful to see so many happy faces coming through the gates. It is a reminder that school is about so much more than just the academic curriculum. It's about friendships, interaction and about belonging to the community of SBC. The girls have also gained a lot of new IT skills while engaging in distance learning, which will, no doubt, be of great benefit to them in the future.

The shared challenge that lies ahead for us all now is to keep the school open and to do this, we need your daily support. If your daughter is any way unwell or your family have been advised to isolate or restrict your movements, please do not send your daughter to school. Strict adherence to the regulations by everyone, will help ensure that we keep the school Covid free and avoid any class or school closures.

Please remember also that masks should be worn at all times by adults when on or around the school premises and that a 'Return to Educational Facility Parental Declaration Form' must be filled in for your daughter, following any period of absence or following school holidays/closure. This can be done very easily through Aladdin Connect.

## Enrolment for Junior Infants September 2021

We still have some places available for Junior Infants 2021. Application forms are available to download at

[www.scoilbhridecailini.ie](http://www.scoilbhridecailini.ie) or on request by emailing [office@scoilbhridecailini.ie](mailto:office@scoilbhridecailini.ie).

Our Admission Notice is also available on the school website.

## School Lotto

A huge thank you to those of you who have already signed up to our new school lotto. Our first draw will take place this Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> March and promises to be very exciting. If you have not yet had a chance to join, you can do so now on: <https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/sbc/>

Our first target is to purchase all weather board games for the yard for the girls. Your contribution will make a big difference to the resources we can purchase, so we really hope you support us with this initiative.

## Book Fair

We will be organizing a book fair after Easter and a catalogue of the books for sale will be sent to you. Further details to follow.

## School Focus for 2020-2021

Every school is required to choose an area each year, relevant to their own school context, to develop and improve. Our focus for improvement for this year is as follows:

- Covid School Plan/Routines
- Enhancing communication with parents/guardians
- Blended and distance teaching and learning
- Pupil and staff wellbeing

## Wellbeing Wednesdays

As part of our school focus for this year, we will be introducing all classes to visualizations and breathing techniques for 'Wellbeing Wednesdays', starting this Wednesday. We hope that the girls will enjoy this experience and that it gives them skills to enhance their own wellbeing, both now and into the future.

## Aladdin Connect

It is extremely important that when you log onto Aladdin Connect, you **also register your mobile number**. This has not been done by everyone yet, so unfortunately there is still a considerable cost to the school for messages sent to those numbers. We would therefore ask that everyone takes a few minutes to check that they have also registered their number please. Once you register your number, all messages can be sent by the school free of charge.

## Easter Raffle

Tickets are currently for sale for our Easter raffle. There will be prizes for each class and tickets are only €1 for 5 so all support would be welcome. The girls are very excited about these prizes which are displayed in the entrance hall.

## Easter Holidays

The school will **close this Friday** for the Easter holidays **at staggered times from 11.45 to 12 noon** and will reopen on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Exact collection times for the different classes will be sent out later.

We wish you all a happy Easter.

Take care and stay safe.

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**Paula Dargan**

**(Principal)**