

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are all looking forward to welcoming the rest of our girls back again to school next Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> March. As you know our Junior classes returned on March 1<sup>st</sup> and all is going smoothly so far. In order to ensure that all continues to run smoothly, we request that you adhere strictly to the following guidelines.

### 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 Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**. The schoolbag can then be put aside until your child's return to school on Monday morning. This is important in helping us to implement 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, 15th March. This can be done on **Aladdin Connect from 3pm on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March**. 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 you err on the side of caution and keep her at home and that you contact your doctor and follow all HSE guidance.

**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.

Please note the mandatory requirements (see link below) in relation to quarantining when returning from travel abroad.

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/b4020-travelling-to-ireland-during-the-covid-19-pandemic/#what-to-do-if-you-travel-to-ireland-from-high-risk-category-2-countries>

If your journey began in any of the Category 2 countries , you must complete the full 14 days of quarantine regardless of whether you have a negative test result.

#### **4. Congregation outside the school**

Now that the schools are fully 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 daughter does so too.
- Please come to the school **only at the appointed start and finish time** for your daughter's class (see below).
- If you have daughters in both senior and junior classes, please time your arrival for 8.40a.m. to avoid unnecessary waiting outside the school gate.
- Where possible, please do not bring other siblings to the school when dropping or collecting pupils.

Arrival Time for classes from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>: Between 8.30am and 8.40a.m.

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

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

Collection Time for classes from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>: 2.20p.m.

Collection Time for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> classes: 2.30p.m.

**N.B. Pupils will use the same entrance and exit gates as before.**

#### **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](mailto: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 again next Monday. The school has been very quiet without them!

Yours faithfully,  
Paula Dargan