



# Scoil Bhríde Cailíní

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## Dear Parents/Guardians,

**Fáilte romhaibh ar ais arís.**

Welcome back to a new school year in Scoil Bhríde Cailíní. Things are going nice and smoothly and all pupils and staff have settled back in well and are very familiar with the Covid measures in place. We are looking forward to hopefully getting back to more normal times later in the school year. Until then, we ask for your continued compliance and vigilance in relation to all Covid procedures, both in the school and in the wider community. If your child is anyway unwell, it is important that you keep them at home and seek medical advice. This is the only way that we can hope to avoid school closures.

### **Procedures re confirmed Covid-19 cases**

We will continue to implement the measures set out in the school's Covid-19 Response Plan, to provide a safe learning environment for our pupils and a safe workplace for all our staff.

Should a case of Covid-19 be confirmed in the school, we will follow the directions of the HSE in relation to any pupils/staff that need to be contacted. The school is not at liberty to discuss the details of any individual cases, as this is confidential information, but assure you, that all correct contact tracing procedures and guidance will be followed. We ask for your patience and understanding in this regard.

### **Return to Educational Facility Parent Declaration Form**

If your child has been absent from school for any reason, please complete the above named form, before their return. This can be done very simply through Aladdin Connect.

### **Traffic**

The traffic situation has greatly improved in the last year and we thank you for your cooperation in the management of this. Please drive slowly and with extreme caution in the vicinity of the school and remember that only drop offs are permitted.

### **Junior Infants**

I would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to our new Junior Infants and their parents. They have coped extremely well with the transition to the 'big school' and are now on a full school day. Maith sibh a chailíní! We are very proud of you all and wish you many enjoyable days in Scoil Bhríde Cailíní.

### **Aladdin Connect**

It is extremely important to ensure that you are signed up to Aladdin Connect, as all communications with parents/guardians are now through this platform. Please check also that the contact details you have provided are up to date. It is essential that we can make contact with you at all times.

### **Communion**

I would like to extend our best wishes to the girls in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class, who are making their First Holy Communion next Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September. They have waited a very long time for this special day and they deserve the best. May God bless them all.

### **Permission Slips**

Please check that there are no outstanding permission requests for your daughter on Aladdin Connect. It is important that the school has this information.

### **Homework**

The school will adopt a blended approach to homework. Some items will be set using Seesaw, the online platform introduced during the school closure and some will be set in the traditional copy/workbook format. This is to ensure that pupils maintain their IT skills, whilst also maintaining and developing accuracy in literacy skills such as writing, transcribing and presentation.

Seesaw is for homework purposes only and should not be used for communication with the school. Should you have any other queries or concerns, please direct them to the school office on 8201717 or email [office@scoilbhridecailini.ie](mailto:office@scoilbhridecailini.ie)

### **Websites to Check Out**

For activities that you can do with your daughter to develop literacy and numeracy, check out [www.helpmykidlearn.ie](http://www.helpmykidlearn.ie)

For internet safety advice, check out the following sites

[www.common sense media.org](http://www.common sense media.org)

[www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)

[www.zeeko.ie](http://www.zeeko.ie)

[www.webwise.ie](http://www.webwise.ie)

We thank you for your continued support and co-operation and look forward to an exciting year ahead.

Le gach dea-ghuí

**P. Dargan**

**(Principal)**