



# Scoil Bhríde Cailíní

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### Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to a new year in Scoil Bhríde Cailíní. I'm sure I speak for the entire school community, in hoping that this year will allow a return to normality for us all. The last few years have indeed been very challenging and we look forward to brighter days ahead now for all our families and for our school.

As you are no doubt aware, schools are challenged on a daily basis, to provide adequate teaching cover for all classes, to ensure that all safety measures are adhered to and to balance comfort and warmth with the need for adequate ventilation, in line with HSE guidelines. I would strongly recommend, that while these additional ventilation measures are in place, that your daughter wears extra layers of clothing to provide additional warmth. The current advice is that protective measures should continue to remain in schools for the moment.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the pupils and the staff, who have continued to work diligently in the face of all these challenges. The pupils in 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes have adapted superbly to wearing masks and are playing an important role in keeping everyone safe. I am very proud of them all.

### Enrolment for Junior Infants September 2022

Enrolment for Junior Infants 2022 opened on January 6<sup>th</sup> and will close on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Application forms are available to download at [www.scoilbhridecailini.ie](http://www.scoilbhridecailini.ie), on request by emailing [office@scoilbhridecailini.ie](mailto:office@scoilbhridecailini.ie) or by writing to Scoil Bhríde (Cailíní), Church Ave., Blanchardstown, Dublin 15.

Our Admission Notice is also available on the school website.

### Irish Dancing

Irish Dancing has now resumed on Wednesdays in the school hall. If you would like to join, further details can be obtained by ringing Rachel on 085-8667411.

### GAA Coaching

GAA coaching has resumed for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> classes and promises to be as enjoyable as always for the girls.

After school Gaelic football training has also resumed for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes on Tuesdays. Permission slips have been given out and all are welcome to join.

### Cross Country Training/Swimming

Watch out for details of these, which will be resuming shortly.

### Tin Whistle

After school tin whistle lessons will also be starting again soon, so watch out for further details.

### Absences

All schools are required to keep detailed notes on absences. If your child is absent, it is important that you notify the school as to the reason, by contacting the office or writing a note in your daughter's homework journal. **All Covid related absences should be notified directly to school office. Seesaw should not be used for this purpose.**

### Communion/Confirmation Dates

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> classes

First Confession                      March 8<sup>th</sup> at 11.15 a.m.  
First Communion                      May 7<sup>th</sup> at 11.00 a.m.

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Classes

Ceremony of Light                      Feb 28<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m.  
Confirmation                              May 19<sup>th</sup> at 11.00 a.m.

### Provisional School Closure for Staff Training

I wish to give advance notice of a possible school closure for whole staff training in autism on March 11<sup>th</sup>. This training was deferred from March 2020 due to Covid. The date cannot be fully confirmed as yet, until we have more certainty in relation to staff gatherings in schools but I will keep you posted.

### Parent-Teacher Meetings

We are awaiting DE guidance to confirm whether or not these meetings can take place, face to face, as planned. We will keep you informed of any information we receive and of the relevant dates.

2021/22 SCHOOL CLOSURES	
February Midterm	School <b>CLOSED</b> Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> .
St. Patrick's Weekend	School <b>CLOSED</b> Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> March & Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> <b>CLOSED</b> Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March in lieu of new Bank Holiday on 18 <sup>th</sup> .
Easter Holidays	School <b>CLOSING</b> on Friday, April 8 <sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. <b>CLOSED</b> Monday, April 11 <sup>th</sup> to Friday, April 22 <sup>nd</sup> inclusive (2 weeks)
May	School <b>CLOSED</b> on Monday, May 2 <sup>nd</sup> & Tuesday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup> .
June	School <b>CLOSED</b> on Friday, June 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Monday, June 6 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday, June 7 <sup>th</sup> .
Summer Holidays	Closing Tuesday, June 30 <sup>th</sup> at 12 noon.

P. Dargan

(Principal)