



# Scoil Bhríde Cailíní

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## Dear Parents/Guardians,

### Fáilte romhaibh ar ais arís.

Welcome back to another school year in Scoil Bhríde Cailíní. We are delighted that staff and pupils can return to normality again after all the Covid restrictions in place over the last few years. We thank you for all your support during that challenging time and assure you, that we will of course remain vigilant in ensuring good ventilation and hygiene measures remain in place. We ask for your continual support also in keeping your daughter at home if she is anyway unwell or showing symptoms that may be related to Covid.

### Junior Infants

We would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to our new Junior Infants and their parents. The girls have transitioned to 'big school' superbly and are well settled into the school routine. They are now on their first full day this week. Maith sibh a chailíní! We are very proud of you all.

### Traffic

The traffic situation has greatly improved over the last year and we thank you for your cooperation in the management of this. Please drive slowly and with caution in the vicinity of the school and remember that parking is not permitted in the vicinity of the school. Parents should park outside in the church car park.

### Aladdin Connect

It is extremely important to ensure that you are signed up to Aladdin Connect, as all school communications will be via this platform. Please ensure that you fully **complete the process also by validating your phone number**, to avoid the school incurring unnecessary messaging costs.

### Seesaw

Class teacher will continue to assign some homework using the Seesaw online platform. **This communication platform is for homework purposes only.** 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)

### Swimming

Sixth Class will be starting swimming this Thursday. This is a vital life skill and part of the P.E. curriculum and we ask that all pupils participate fully in this opportunity being provided by the school. Other classes will have the opportunity to go swimming later in the year.

### Irish Dancing

Irish dancing resumes again in the school hall this Wednesday. Further details can be obtained from Rachel on 0858667411.

### Gaelic Match

The girls will play their first Gaelic match of the season this Wednesday, against Gaelscoil Uí Earcáin in Finglas. We wish them well in all the games ahead and thank Mr. Maguire, Mr. Devlin and Ms. Golden for generously giving their time and commitment to train and prepare the girls. Go n-éirí libh go léir! We would encourage your daughter to join a local G.A.A. club to further develop her skills. Such clubs not only develop life long sporting interests but also life long friendships.

### Starting Time

The school gates open at 8.30am and school starts at 8.50am but there is no supervision provided before 8.50am. We would therefore ask you to time your arrival as near to 8.50am as possible. On wet mornings, pupils will be taken into the hall and supervised from 8.40am.

### Uniforms/Earrings

Please ensure that your daughter only wears her tracksuit to school on P.E. days or days when the class is engaged in sporting activity. **On all other days, the school uniform should be worn.**

Only simple stud earrings are permitted in school and these should not be worn on P.E. days or sporting activity days.

### 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. The simplest way to do this is through the attendance section on Aladdin Connect. Alternatively you can contact the school office.

### Lotto

We are thrilled that our school lotto funds enabled us to put new games and yard markings in place last year. All of these improvements have been made possible by your support and generosity. If you have not already joined the school lotto, we would ask you to consider doing so now on <https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/sbc> This is a very valuable and practical way of supporting the school and your daughter's education. Together we can all make a difference!

Le gach dea-ghuí,

P. Dargan

(Principal)