

Coláiste Bríde

Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford.



23rd August 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we come to the end of the holidays, I hope you and your family have had an enjoyable summer and that your daughter is looking forward to starting in Coláiste Bríde. We are really looking forward to welcoming all our new First Year students into our school community.

I am sure that over the coming days there may be small moments of anxiety about starting in a new school, these feelings are only natural and to be expected. However, I can assure you that we will be working as hard as we can over the coming weeks and months to ensure that your daughter is happy in Coláiste Bríde.

As the start of the new school year draws closer, we would like to update you with some important administration and school planning details:

School Reopening Dates

All First Year students will attend induction days on **Thursday and Friday 25th and 26th of August**. However, due to the induction days for other year groups taking place during the following week First Year students will return on **Friday 2nd September** to school for a full timetable of classes.

First Year Induction

We have a comprehensive induction programme when students commence First Year. This allows students to get to know each other in the first few days in a more relaxed setting without a formal timetable.

Induction Day 1:

Thursday, August 25th 8:45am till 1:00pm.

Students should wear their full school uniform and bring a snack for the mid-morning break.

On day 1, First Year students will meet other students in their class, their Year Head, some of their teachers and the CARA mentors. Our CARA mentors are a group of Fifth Year students who will be available to support First Year students throughout the year. Students will also receive their book rental, locker codes, school email address and get to explore the school building and surrounds.

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Induction Day 2:

Friday, August 26th 8:45am till 2:45pm.

Students should wear their school PE uniform including compulsory school quarter zip, plain navy or black bottoms and runners. Students should also bring a snack and lunch for the mid-morning and lunch breaks. On day 2, students will spend more time with their new classmates, meet their tutor and participate in some fun and sporting activities to help them to settle in.

Communication

As the school year commences text messages will *only* be sent for absence notification and in emergencies. Please install the VSware App on your phone with notifications turned on as this is the primary means of communication between the school and parents. Instructions on how to do this can be accessed at <https://www.colaistebride.ie/incoming-first-years.html>.

Timetable

All First Year students have been assigned to their individual class groups. Your daughter's assigned class will be available to view on VSware from today. Please check this information in advance of your daughter attending for induction so that she will know the class to which she has been assigned.

Home Rooms for First Year Classes

Home rooms for First Year students are as follows:

1A	RM 42
1B	RM 41
1C	RM37
1D	RM 38
1E	RM 39
1F	RM 40

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Journal & Locker

All First Year students will be allocated with a locker near/ in their homerooms.

The cost for the school journal and storage box is €45 and should be paid before Thursday, August 25th, online through the VShare App or at <https://colaistebrideenniscorthy.vshare.ie>.

Book Rental

Students will receive their book rental books during the first day of induction and will store their schoolbooks in their locker in their home room. **If you have not done so already, you should pay your book rental fees online through VShare App to ensure your daughter receives her books on Thursday and can store them in the locker assigned to her.** Please see attached with this letter a copy of our Book Rental Rules that will be signed by your daughter on receipt of the books on Thursday morning. All book rental textbooks will remain the property of Coláiste Bríde and must be returned in good condition at the end of the academic year.

Office 365

All students will be provided with a free Office 365 account and school email address. This allows students to install for free Microsoft programmes such as Word, PowerPoint and Excel on a device. **In advance of the Induction days, First Year students should install the Microsoft Teams App on their phone if they have one.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Wishing you and your daughter the very best in the academic year ahead.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kiera O'Sullivan.' The signature is written in a cursive style.

Kiera O'Sullivan

Principal