

Coláiste Bríde

Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford.



9th September 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to Coláiste Bríde! I hope your daughter is beginning to enjoy her experience here as she begins her secondary school life.

My name is Eleanor Harpur, and I would like to introduce myself as the HSCL (Home School Community Liaison) Co-ordinator in the school. I hope that your daughter is settling in well. The transition from primary to secondary school can be a nervous time. Please remind your daughter that every other child is in the same boat and that all are looking forward to making new friends, learning new subjects & exploring their new environment.

My role involves providing the necessary help and support to parents/guardians while at the same time strengthening the relations between school and home.

The HSCL scheme promotes partnership between parents, teachers, and the wider community to ensure students fully engage in school life. It takes a whole school approach recognising parents as the primary educators of their children.

My role is therefore, to work closely with parents to give them the support needed to enhance the education of their child. The support can be through direct contact, the provision of parent classes and involvement in school activities.

Home visits are an important part of the co-ordinator's work. This raises parents' awareness of the opportunities that are available to their child in school. It also enhances attendance, and it helps to begin building a positive relationship with Coláiste Bríde. With that in mind, I hope to visit all first year homes in the coming months. Let there be no panic... this will only involve a quick chat how child is settling into school.

Through the year you will also be invited into our school for parent activities; this can be an opportunity to meet with other parents, some teachers and myself. These events are for fun and enjoyment which will be funded by the school. We would be delighted if you can attend.

I have a designated room in the school so please feel free to contact me. I look forward to meeting you all over the coming months and again we wish your daughter a safe, happy, and wonderful experience in Coláiste Bríde as she journeys through her years with us.

Kindest Regards,

Eleanor Harpur,

HSCL Co-ordinator.

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