



Coláiste Bríde

Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford.

20th August 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope you and your family have had an enjoyable summer and that your daughter/ward is looking forward to starting in Coláiste Bríde. 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:

First Year Induction

Day 1: Thursday, August 26th 8:45am till 1:00pm. Students should wear their full school uniform and bring a snack for the mid-morning break.

Day 2: Friday, August 27th 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.

Communication

As the school year commences text messages will only be sent for absence notification and in emergencies. Please install the VShare 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.colaiشتهbride.ie/incoming-first-years.html>.

Journal & Storage Box

Due to Covid Safety regulations and the requirement to socially distance students we will not be allocating First Year students with a locker at this time. Students will instead receive a storage box that will be kept by their assigned desk in their home room.

The cost for the school journal and storage box is **€35** and should be paid **before Thursday, August 26th**, online through the VShare App or at <https://colaiشتهbrideenniscorthy.vshare.ie>. If, during the school year, the situation improves to the extent that it is safe to do so, students will be assigned a locker at no extra cost.



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Covid-19 Safety Procedures

It is important to note that all students and staff wear face coverings in school. We recommend reusable cloth face masks and that cloth face coverings should be washed after every day of use and/or before being used again, or if visibly soiled.

On Day 1 of the First Year Induction, we will explain in detail the Covid Safety Procedures in operation in Coláiste Bríde. The 2021/2022 Department of Education Guidance for Covid-19 is very similar to those that were in operation in the previous school year. You can be assured that we will continue to implement all Public Health measures as advised for the health and safety of all students.

Book Rental

Students will receive their book rental books during the induction and will store their school books in their storage box in their home room. If you have not done so already, you should pay your book rental fees online through VSware App to ensure your daughter receives her books.

Timetable

Your daughter's timetable will be available to view on VSware from 4pm on Wednesday, August 25th. Please check this timetable in advance of your daughter attending for induction so that she will know the class to which she has been assigned.

Office 365

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, 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,

Kiera O'Sullivan
Principal