



# Coláiste Bríde

Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford.

February 24<sup>th</sup> 2021

Dear Sixth Years, Parents & Guardians,

I hope that all is good with you and your family.

As you are aware, over the last few days we have had many important announcements from An Taoiseach and the Minister for Education & Skills, regarding the phased return to school for students.

Classes on site will resume in Coláiste Bríde for our Sixth Year students from next Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Other year groups will return on a phased bases over the coming weeks depending on public health advice.

**The Minister for Education and Skills has issued a statement setting out the broad parameters of arrangements for this year's Leaving Certificate examination. Read this statement [here](#).**

**The main elements are as follows:**

1. **Written Leaving Certificate examinations** will be put in place, which will operate in accordance with the normal timetables. The timetable can be found [here](#).  
The examinations will be conducted subject to public health advice at that time.
2. We are awaiting more clarification on additional assessment components, such as orals, practical performance tests and coursework.
3. **An Accredited Grades system, to be operated by the SEC**, will be available whereby Leaving Certificate candidates can opt to have grades in some or all of their subjects (to be known as "SEC Accredited Grades") issued to them at the same time as the examination results.

The following indicative dates have been provided by the Department of Education:

- May 14<sup>th</sup> – Closing date for collection of evidence of learning from Sixth Year student for the purpose of establishing an estimated mark.
- May 28<sup>th</sup> – Schools will close for all students to allow the final week for completion of alignment process and data entry related to SEC Accredited Grades by schools.
- June 4<sup>th</sup> – Closing date for schools to enter/return all data from the school to the SEC relating to SEC Accredited Grades.
- June 9<sup>th</sup> – Written Leaving Certificate examinations to commence in schools.

In advance of your daughter's return to school, you will receive a text with a link to a **Covid Declaration Form**. This form must be completed before your daughter's return to school. Please note: In the interests of the Health and Safety of all, students will not be permitted to return to class without a completed Covid Declaration Form which affirms that it is safe for them to return.



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Students must attend an online assembly tomorrow, Thursday February 25<sup>th</sup>, in which we will remind them of the Covid-19 safety procedures in our school and outline any changes that will be introduced upon their return to school.

We look forward to welcoming our sixth Year students back to Coláiste Bríde. Classes begin, as always, at 8.45 am.

If you have any concerns regarding the return to school, please contact [office@colaistebride.ie](mailto:office@colaistebride.ie).

Yours sincerely,

Kiera O'Sullivan

Principal