



Coláiste Bríde

Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford.

April 6th, 2021

Dear Parents & Guardians,

I hope that all is good with you and your family and that you have had an enjoyable Easter holiday.

As you are aware your daughter/ward will return to in-class teaching on **Monday, April 12th**. As per the Department of Education instruction to schools remote learning will stop for all students when schools reopen fully.

Classes have already resumed for our Fifth and Sixth Year students, and you may have heard that some of our students tested positive for Covid-19 during March. I can confirm that students have tested positive from social interactions outside school but following a comprehensive investigation and risk assessment by the HSE over a number of days the HSE are satisfied that no transmission of the virus took place within Coláiste Bríde. A total of twenty classroom close contacts were identified and all tested negative for Covid-19 in two tests. Furthermore, as part of the national programme of Department of Education inspection visits to schools, Coláiste Bríde was inspected on Wednesday 24th March and the school was deemed to be compliant in all areas of Covid-19 safety procedures. This should be very reassuring to you and your daughter as it shows that the procedures that are in place in school exceed the Department of Education requirements and that our procedures are effective at preventing the spread of the virus in school.

This **Friday, April 9th at 6pm** we will hold an **online information meeting** for **parents and students** through Teams. This information is important as it will outline what needs to be done to keep our school community, students, parents and teachers, safe. The meeting will be followed by a mandatory student assembly in which they will be reminded of our Covid-19 safety procedures and of the importance of following all regulations particularly with the high levels of the more virulent strain of the virus in the community presently. Attached to this email is a document with our Covid-19 safety procedures which students have also received and should familiarise themselves with.

On Saturday, April 10th the school will be open to allow students to return their school books and/or book boxes to school should you wish in advance of the return to school on Monday. Parents will only be permitted to access the school carpark and will not be permitted to enter the school. The following times are allocated for accessing the school:

- **9:00 am to 11:30 am** Students with surnames beginning with the letters from **A to E**
- **11:45 am to 1:15 pm** with surnames beginning with the letters from **F to M**
- **1:30 pm to 3:00 pm** Students with surnames beginning with the letters from **N to Z**



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In advance of your daughter's return to school, you will receive a VShare notification with a link to the **Return to School Covid-19 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.

We look forward to welcoming your daughter back to Coláiste Bríde on Monday. Classes begin, as always, at 8.45 am.

If you have any concerns regarding the return to school, please contact office@colaistebride.ie.

Yours sincerely,

Kiera O'Sullivan

Principal