



Coláiste Bríde

Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford.

11th September 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

It has been a very strange start to the school year; however, I think everyone would agree that it has been great to have successfully reopened our school and to return to teaching and learning in our classrooms. I am pleased to report that all year groups have had their Covid Safety Induction and, with our Transition Years on their traditional beginning of year bonding day, all students have now returned to school. It has been wonderful to once again hear the noises of students learning and the bustle of students on our school grounds.

The following are a number of procedural matters that I want to bring to your attention:

- Students who are signing out, are absent or late are still required to provide the school with the appropriate journal note signed by a parent or guardian.
- As we have converted our upper carpark to an outdoor area for students, we can no longer accommodate students parking on the school grounds.
- For the safety of all students, parents are not allowed to drive up the school avenue during the following times:
 - Between 8.10 am – 9.00 am in the morning
 - Between 3.30 pm – 4.00 pm Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday evenings
 - Between 2.50 pm – 3.20 pm Thursday & Friday evenings
- I am strongly encouraging parents not to drive into Father Cullen's Terrace to drop or collect their daughter to or from school. I ask you in the interest of the local residents and the students of Coláiste Bríde to leave your daughter at the drop off point near the grotto from where they can walk safely to school.
- Parents/Guardians should remind their daughter/ward about the importance of keeping two metre social distancing as they travel to and from school. If they cannot maintain two metres distance, they should wear a face mask even.
- For the health and safety of your daughter her face mask should be washed at 60° Celsius after each day. Students will require a minimum of one clean mask each day for school.
- Parents should read this important HSE document about Covid-19 at this link: https://www.colaiestebride.ie/uploads/1/0/7/6/10762948/information_from_hse_for_parents.pdf



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- Our school calendar for 2020/21 is available on our website at <https://www.colaistebride.ie/letters> and is attached to this letter. We have been

advised by the Department of Education to not schedule parent teacher meetings until official guidance has been provided to schools.

Students and Parents will be informed of the details regarding the scheduling of Term 1 House Exams in October

I sincerely applaud our students for their efforts in abiding by the new school safety procedures that we have had to put in place. However, all students need to remain vigilant and to continue to follow procedures to ensure our school can remain open. We hope to keep Covid-19 out of Coláiste Bríde and each of us, students, parents and school staff, have an important role to play in achieving this aim.

However, if a case of Covid 19 does occur, all decisions relating to this will be made by the HSE and not the school. Covid 19 cases in schools are managed in full by the HSE; schools are compelled to follow all guidance and instructions provided by the HSE.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank our staff for all for their outstanding work and support in helping prepare the school for the return of students. I can honestly say that our re-opening would not have gone so well without the effort and commitment of our teachers and support staff.

Wishing you and your families all the best for the new school year.

Yours sincerely,

Kiera O'Sullivan
Principal

School Calendar 2020/21

	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June
Monday				2			1	1		3	
Tuesday		1		3	1		2	2		4	1 Exams
Wednesday		2		4	2		3	3		5	2 Exams
Thursday		3	1	5	3		4	4	1	6	3 Exams
Friday		4	2	6	4	1	5	5	2	7	4 Exams
Monday		7	5	9 JC Closure	7	4	8	8	5	10	
Tuesday		8	6	10	8	5	9	9	6	11	
Wednesday		9	7	11	9	6	10	10	7	12	
Thursday		10	8	12	10	7	11	11	8	13	
Friday		11	9	13	11	8	12	12	9	14	
Monday		14	12	16	14	11	15	15	12	17	
Tuesday		15	13	17	15	12	16	16	13	18	
Wednesday		16	14	18	16	13	17	17	14	19	
Thursday		17	15	19	17	14	18	18	15	20	
Friday		18	16	20	18	15	19	19	16	21	
Monday	24	21	19	23	21	18	22	22	19	24	
Tuesday	25	22	20	24	22	19	23	23	20	25	
Wednesday	26	23	21	25	23	20	24	24	21	26	
Thursday	27 Staff Day	24	22	26	24	21	25	25	22	27	
Friday	28	25	23	27	25	22	26	26	23	28	
Monday	31	28	26	30	28	25		29	26	31	
Tuesday		29	27		29	26		30	27		
Wednesday		30	28		30	27		31	28		
Thursday			29		31	28			29		
Friday			30			29			30		

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School Closures Key:

School Holidays & Public Holidays.

Junior Cycle Closures: Day 1: 9th November JC Cluster Day and Day 2 JC Planning Day: to be confirmed for 2021

School Covid Safety Review Day: Monday October 5th

School Closure Days: Friday December 4th and Tuesday March 16th.