



Coláiste Bríde

Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford.

10th June 2024

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Dear Students and Parents,

As we have reached the end of the academic year, I would like to thank you for all your support over this past year and your commitment to your daughter's education.

I am sure everyone is looking forward to a well-earned rest from learning, but before the holiday fever truly descends upon us we would like to inform you about some important administration and school planning details for next year:

Provisional return dates to school, (these dates are subject to change):

Thursday, 22 nd August:	First & Transition Years only
Friday, 23 rd August:	First Years only
Monday, 26 th August:	Transition Year Retreat (4A & 4B only)
Tuesday, 27 th August:	Transition Year Retreat (4C & 4D only)
Wednesday, 28 th August:	First, Third & Sixth Years only
Thursday, 29 th August:	All Year Groups
Friday, 30 th August:	All Year Groups

- The school calendar for 2024/2025 is in Appendix 1 at the end of this letter.



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Uniform

A reminder that our P.E. uniform consists of a quarter-zip or crewneck top designed with our school crest paired with black or navy leggings/track suit bottoms. Students will continue to be permitted to wear their P.E gear to school on P.E. days **only** but it must be the correct uniform.

Bodibro (www.bodibro.ie) supply all our PE uniform items. They have opened an online shop for Coláiste Bríde until the **21st of June**. The shop link is here: <https://bodibro.ie/collections/colaiste-bride>

- The crewneck/ quarter-zip is compulsory for all year groups.
- A school jersey is available with separate designs for junior (1st to 3rd)/ senior cycle (4th to 6th) students and can be purchased online via Bodibro.

All other Coláiste Bríde school uniform items are available to buy at Matt Mernagh Schoolwear, 1 Slaney St. Enniscorthy Co. Wexford, telephone: (053) 9233123.

We expect pupils to be present in FULL uniform on their return to school in August. No hoodies or runners are permitted to be worn with school uniform. Should your daughter be unable to wear the black/navy leather school shoes, a medical letter is required. We look forward to your full support in relation to our uniform protocols.

School Book Scheme

Coláiste Bríde has successfully operated a Junior Cycle Book Rental scheme for many years. This year the Government has introduced a new School Books Scheme from the start of the new school year 2024/25 which will replace our old book rental scheme.

Under this scheme all schoolbooks and core classroom materials/ resources for students in Junior Cycle years will be provided to students directly by the school. There is no charge to parents/guardians for the School Book Scheme.

DES Guidance for Parents on this scheme is available [here](#)

Our Junior Cycle Book Scheme and Stationery Provision DRAFT policy is available to view on this link [Junior Cycle Book Scheme and Stationery Provision Coláiste Bríde .pdf](#) .

The schoolbooks will be on loan to students and will be distributed to your daughter on her immediate return to school in August. The schoolbooks must be returned at the end of the school year.

It is important that schoolbooks are kept in good condition so they can be reused. Please help make sure that your daughter keeps the books safe and in good condition so that they can be used again.



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Student Lockers & Journal

The annual cost for the rental of a locker will be €30 (1st to 3rd Year/ locker only) and €45 (TY to 6th Year /locker & Journal). Details of locker and journal payment are on VS Ware <https://colaistebrideenniscorthy.vsware.ie> and are included with the administration fees normally paid before return to school. Lockers will be assigned on receipt of this fee and locker codes will then be shared to each individual student.

MOBILE PHONE POUCHES

We will continue to use the mobile phone pouch system again this year. We ask you to ensure that your daughter keeps her phone pouch safely over the summer, for use once we return to school. All pouches that are broken or mislaid must be paid for by the student for a fee of €15.

Finally, on behalf of the entire school community, I wish to extend our very best wishes to all our students. I also want to sincerely thank all parents for your efforts and support over the past year. Thank you also for your feedback and your positivity and support of our teachers.

I wish you all a lovely summer break and look forward to your daughter's return in August refreshed and reenergised for the new school year.

Yours sincerely,

Kiera O'Sullivan

Principal



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Appendix 1

2024/25 School Calendar

August 2023							September 2023							October 2023						
M	Tu	W	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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February 2024							March 2024							April 2024						
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May							June							July						
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School Reopening	Bank Holidays
Term Exams	JC & LC Mock Exams
Schools Closure	JC & LC Workshop Days
State Examinations	Last day of school year May 30 th