



Coláiste Bríde

Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford.

17th August 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As I am sure you are aware our school building was not designed for adequate social distancing. The number of students currently in your daughter's/ward's base class are too large to allow for the one metre distancing between students suggested by the Department of Education. Following a successful appeal by our Board of Management to the Department we have been allocated extra teachers to maximise social distancing and to facilitate the reopening of our school in September.

To allow for the greatest possible social distancing of students we have decided to use this extra allocation of teachers to create an extra base class in each of First, Second and Third Years. This will allow us to reduce the numbers of students in each base class. Students will be selected randomly from classes A, B, C, D and E to create a sixth base class, F.

While this will result in changes of teachers for some students, it is the safest way for us to accommodate all students in school. For most Third Year subjects, including Maths, Irish and the four option choices, this will not involve a change of teacher. Second Year students are usually assigned new teachers in Irish and the four option choices after First Year. However, it will mean that some students will have a new teacher for the exam subjects English, Geography, History and Religion. While the decision is primarily to maximise social distancing, the reduction in class sizes will ultimately be a benefit to all students.

Please keep up to date with further information on the reopening of schools on our dedicated webpage on our website at <https://www.colaistebride.ie/reopening-of-schools.html>.

Yours sincerely,

Kiera O'Sullivan

Principal