

Scoil Bhríde September 2018

Welcome Back everyone and a special welcome to our new pupils and families to the school.

We are sharing a few pointers to help with the year ahead:

- The pupils should line up for 9am. Running or playing with balls etc. after 08.50 is not allowed due to safety concerns. Best transport Basketballs in bags!! If it is raining the school building may be opened at 8.50am to enable the children to come in out of the rain. When notified, pupils should make their way to the hall. We cannot accommodate adults in the building at this time.
- In the lines in the morning it would be a huge help to the teachers if parents could move to the back of the yard when the siren sounds. Please note that many children are uncomfortable when adults line up beside them. The line is for the children and not adults. This will make it safer and more efficient for the teachers to bring in the children. The children need to have their independence developed.
- For Child Safeguarding reasons, parents are not to enter the school unless accompanied by a staff member – younger pupils can be alarmed by a ‘strange’ or unfamiliar adults in the building. This applies at all times. It is also the law that any adult who is in the school (and who isn’t a staff member) must be Garda vetted by the school. Visitors including Service personnel, photographers etc will wear a **Visitor** lanyard or can expect to be queried by staff.
- If your child cycles / scoots to school please encourage them to wear a helmet, and to lock their bicycle or scooter in the Fenced area. The area will be locked from 9.00 to 1.40 and 2.40. Unfortunately, we are unable to facilitate openings during the day.
- Label everything - all clothing, bags, books + copies, pencils (especially), lunchboxes, drinks etc
- We promote healthy eating in Scoil Bhríde. Please discourage your child from bathing their teeth in acid. Water is the only liquid that should be drunk outside of eating time. Some classes are nut free. Please be sensitive to the needs of others. Any uneaten lunch or rubbish from lunch will be taken home by your child. Sweets and Junk foods are not allowed in the school
- Please ensure your child has their full uniform. This includes black footwear on uniform days. This is checked regularly, and it is unfair on your child if they are not wearing the correct footwear. On tracksuit days, every child must wear a sky blue polo shirt under their tracksuit top.
- The use of mobile phones is not allowed during school. If a mobile phone is discovered, it can be recovered by you, the parent, from the office. More info on *Code of Good Behaviour*.
- From 1st class upwards each child will have a school journal – this must be signed nightly by a parent after the homework has been completed and checked.
- Our school secretary is not a receptionist and the office is not always occupied. The phone goes to answering machine while other lines are in use. Please communicate with your child’s teacher by note. We are troubled by the volume of disruption to the smooth running of the school day due to unnecessary interruptions. These interruptions are largely due to parents dropping children late, collecting children early for non-essential reasons (particularly Fridays) and dropping lunches/gear during the school day. As you can appreciate, it is impossible for both teaching and administrative staff to do their jobs as a result of incessant disruptions.
- If you wish to collect your child outside of these times, you must communicate this in writing in advance. This will only be accommodated in the cases of urgent family reasons or specific medical issues.
- Please ensure your child has everything s/he needs for school before s/he leaves the house in the morning.
- Please note the school day runs from **9 a.m. to 1.40** for infants and from **9 a.m. to 2.40 pm** for all other classes.
- If your child is absent from school due to illness, please send a written note in the school diary. There is no need to ring the school.
- Traffic and traffic management continues to be a source of concern and danger. There is no Dropping off/ Collecting on the roundabout. We have all signed up to adhering to Board of Management Policies. We have space for 82 vehicles. Please use the Church carpark and encourage pupils to walk to school. Parking or dropping off on the pavement outside the school is illegal. Staff Carpark is for Staff only. Safety #1
- Information, Policies and supports for parents and pupils on www.killschool.ie

Thank you for your co-operation and we all wish you a great year ahead.

Brendan Kelleher & Staff.