

1. Nuachtlitir

06/09/2021

Fáilte ar ais! Welcome back to school.

A Thuismitheoirí, a chairde,

I wish to welcome you all back to school and I hope we will have a great year!

Contact details

It is vital that we have your correct contact details. Please review your details via Aladdin Connect. You can submit changes to family, your own personal contact information and emergency contact information to be approved by an admin in the school. Aladdin are constantly reviewing their product in line with GDPR requirements and for this reason have further restricted parental viewing of family information within the family circle. Parents will only have access to view and edit their own personal contact information, for example Dad can only see his details and Mam can only see her details. More information can be found on https://www.aladdin.ie/connect_app_faqs.html

Communication

It is important that you check your email and notice board on Aladdin Connect for messages as these will be our main way of communicating with parents. Please use phone/email to contact school wherever possible to reduce contact with staff. All meetings have to be by appointment. Please contact the secretary to request a meeting.

Appeal for PM books

We ask all parents of children in Senior Infants to 3rd class to check bookshelves, book boxes, toy cupboards etc. for our special readers (PM books). We are missing a lot of books from last year and we need them for the current classes.

Tracksuits

Unfortunately, due to early lockdown and delayed delivery of fabrics the tracksuit company have informed us of a delay in delivery. We now expect the tracksuit order to be delivered during the week commencing September 20th. As soon as we get the delivery of the tracksuits, we will send them home with pupils. In the meantime, pupils can wear their own tracksuits.

Traffic System

Just a reminder again:

All parents/childminders must adhere to the “**one way**” traffic system when coming to the school. **Approach the school from the Garda station junction and exit at the junction near Marion’s Hair Salon.** To reduce the amount of traffic in and around the school in the morning and at home time and as part of our Green School initiative, we encourage as many as possible to walk/cycle to school. Parents who have to travel in cars might also consider “park and stride” (parking in another area and walking to the school).

“Drop and Go” System

Parents dropping children to school in cars must adhere to a very strict “**Drop and Go**” system. Please ensure that coats are on, bags are easily accessed, and “Goodbye” routines (hugs and kisses) are completed before leaving home. Children are expected to walk straight to their entrance door and go immediately to the classroom.

Door A (Main Door) Infants, Rang 1, Rang 2 and Rang 3

Door B (Staff Door) Rang 4, Rang 5, and Rang 6

They are supervised in their classroom by the teachers on duty until 9.20 a.m., when class teacher starts formal instruction.

Parents accompanying children walking to school are asked to remain outside the pedestrian gate.

Doors will open at 9.05 a.m. All classes will commence at 9.20 a.m. sharp so please ensure your child is in school by **9.18 a.m.** at the latest to ensure that he/she is settled into class for 9.20 a.m. start.

Insurance Matters as advised by our insurance company (Allianz)

The school will open to receive pupils at 9.05 a.m. No responsibility is accepted for pupils arriving before that time. Classes will commence each day at 9.20 a.m. and finish at 3 p.m. (2 p.m. for infants). Parents should make their own arrangements to have children met at the school gate and the person to escort them should be at the school not later than 3 p.m. as the school cannot accept responsibility for looking after the children after that time.

Parking

No parking inside the school gates at any time except for parents dropping/collecting children with a physical/movement disability.

From 2.45 p.m. - 3.05 p.m. no cars will be allowed inside school grounds or on the roadway outside the school grounds. This area must be kept clear of cars to facilitate social distancing for parents/childminders as they wait to collect pupils.

Daily Dismissal

Infants 2.00 p.m.

Junior infants: (from September 20th) Parents come to a designated area in front of Door A (main door). Children will line up in the designated area with the class teacher and will be released to parent/childminder.

Senior infants: Parents come to a designated area in front of Door B (staff door). Children will line up in the designated area with the class teacher and will be released to parent/childminder.

On wet days parents will not be able to come into the school building to collect pupils. Teachers will bring pupils out to parents as normal.

Rang 1- Rang 6 all classes will finish at 3 p.m.

Children travelling on the school bus will leave at **2.55 p.m.**

NB. Rang 1; For the first two weeks, children from Rang 1 will be allowed to leave school at 2.55 p.m. Parents of children in Rang 1 should arrange to meet them outside the lower pedestrian gate. Class teachers will walk with them to the gate. From September 13th children will leave school at normal time 3 p.m. as at this stage they will be used to meeting parent/childminders outside the gate.

Finally, I want to say a very special welcome to our 42 new Junior Infants and to all the new pupils who joined other classes. I hope you will be very happy in Scoil Bhríde.

Mise le meas,
Mairéad Uí Íomhair.