**BACK TO SCHOOL INFO**

Dear parents/guardians,

I hope this email finds you all well.

Below find information on our return to school.

As you know Covid has not gone away and we still have to enforce our Covid 19 response plan. These systems worked well last year and hopefully will again for the coming year.

**Day 1
Coming to School**

We would ask that if you are coming by car, a one-way system would operate via Greenmount Road and onto the Store Road both when dropping and collecting.

 ALL Traffic regardless of which direction you live should come via Levis’ Corner and depart via the Store Rd and Chapel Lane. The teachers will park at ‘the Lookout’ as much as possible and this will allow more space for you to safely drop your child between 9.10am and 9.20am making sure that they go in the gate. Please continue on without delay. There are quite a number of new families too so it is more important than ever to follow this system to avoid delays and congestion.

**Assembly at school**

When pupils are dropped they must proceed unaccompanied in through  the designated school gates. An exception will be made for Junior infants for the first day to allow parents into the yard and stand with their child if necessary maintaining 2m social distancing on the yard. (Not in the school building)
For parents who NEED to come to the gate please remember social distancing requirements (2m) and please wear a face mask

We are going to let children play until 9.20am weather permitting in their designated yard space. No pupil should be on school grounds before 9.10am and gates will be closed before this.
On a wet day there will be no playing before school and children will go directly to their classrooms unaccompanied using the correct entrances.

**Collection at School**

Junior and Senior Infants ordinarily leave at 2pm.

However for the first week Junior Infants will finish at 12noon and for the second week they will be collected at 1pm to ease them into the new routine gently. All other classes will be dismissed at 2.50pm for prompt collection.

**Stationery**

Parents must ensure that all of the child’s equipment/copies are labelled with the child’s name as equipment/books cannot and will not be shared. Stationery required for each class is to be found on the school website [www.scoilbhrideballydehob.com](http://www.scoilbhrideballydehob.com) under the tab ‘Things you need to know’. (The school calendar is also available here).

Stationery will be brought on the first day and then will stay in school. The children will need a separate pencil case at home.

Books have been ordered and the fee of €100 per child will be payable in September. We will forward bank transfer details to you when school resumes.

**Lunch and Drinks**

Please have adequate lunch and drinks as there can be no sharing or topping up drinks at present. We have a healthy lunch policy and due to children with severe allergies ask that you do not send nuts or spreads containing nuts.

**Coat** If possible please bring one that can be put into the school bag.

**Homework** will not be assigned for the first couple of weeks to give everyone a chance to settle in.

We will have plenty of movement breaks as well to get us back into a positive and healthy routine.

**Uniform**

If anyone needs new PE uniforms there will be a pop-up shop on Friday 27th August in the school grounds or at the office hatch window (if wet) from 11.30 to 12.30 pm where t-shirts and PE tops can be purchased.

We have plenty of t shirts in stock but only have limited stock of the half zips as O Neills have had delays. The rep is promising that we will get them by Wednesday. If you wish to come and place your order on Friday we can distribute the half zips to the children on the Wednesday.

Please come one at a time and maintain social distancing of 2m when queuing.

Please have the exact amount required if possible.

PE tops 35€  and t-shirts €15

Uniforms are to be worn Tuesday and Thursday.

PE tracksuits are to be worn Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Therefore on  your first day back wear your PE tracksuit.

**Job-sharing arrangement**

Also for the coming year the Job-sharing arrangement in 2nd/3rd and 4th class will work on a week on- week off basis starting on Wednesday with Ms Colleen Duggan and finishing on a Tuesday. Mrs Mairead O Callaghan will then work from the following Wednesday to Tuesday. Ms Duggan will be there to greet you on Monday.

**Sickness**

Again this year if your child has symptoms of Covid 19 or is unwell we would ask that you keep them home and get them tested before returning to school.

**Contact details**

Please make sure that the school has your correct contact details. Let us know if you have moved house, changed phone number or email address. The school email address is contactscoilbhride@gmail.com You may also want to check that your emergency contact details are up to date.

Looking forward to welcoming you all back.

Enjoy the last few days.

Kind regards,

Miriam Burke

Principal