

## **CUSTODY/SEPARATION POLICY OF SCOIL BHRÍDE, KILL**

The Staff of Scoil Bhríde, Kill encourages parents experiencing separation to come and speak confidentially to the teachers and/or principal. It is our aim to handle such matters with sensitivity and compassion, and ultimately, our primary concern is for the well-being and overall development of the child.

1. When a child spends time in two homes, it is requested that the school be provided with both sets of emergency/contact numbers.
2. Regarding the collection of children from school, it is requested that the school be informed of any changes in collection arrangements by note.
3. It is assumed that when we wish to communicate with parents regarding their child, the parent who is contacted (i.e. the parent with whom the child principally resides) will inform the other parent of meetings, arrangements etc.  
Special requests for separate communication can be accommodated.
4. In the absence of a custody arrangement, both parents will be treated as equal partners in terms of parenting rights and responsibilities.
5. The school cannot be asked to withhold a child from either parent, in the absence of a custody arrangement.
6. The staff of Scoil Bhríde, Kill will endeavor at all times to deal sensitively and caringly with children experiencing separation.