

# *Scoil Bhríde Newsletter May 2021*



**Dear Parents and Guardians,**

**28<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

We hope this Newsletter finds you well.

As I shared earlier this week, we had cases of Covid-19 in the school. As I type we are aware of 7 positive cases in three classes. All the classes are at home. All are well.

If a member of the family tests positive, then their close contacts must restrict their movements.

If a member of the family is a close contact, then their close contacts should carry on as normal.

The HSE have been quite fastidious in their Risk Assessments. They do caution – as they did in national media- to stick to the plan. The drop in centres are really for those without a plan. The school system block books testing with speedier results for the most part. Deviating from the plan makes it harder for the HSE to collate the information and act accordingly. They are leading this, as you know and we are here to help and cooperate.

While this has been a tough year with several clouds, you only have to look at the smiling faces, thumbs up, cheery dispositions (usually) and the eagerness of engagement of our wonderful student population to make those clouds fade away. Remember the sun is always shining behind those clouds.

The plans in place work. Let's stick with them.

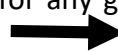
I know from the many little birdies flying about that parties and sleep overs and get togethers continue to happen and yet we can have over reactions, shock and awe to news of a positive case. Let's just redouble our efforts.

I shared with the pupils before that when running a race, many people slow down as they approach the finish line. One should really be hitting that finish line at full tilt. Let's stay the course.

Please make sure to get your child to school on time as we prepare for next year. We are trying to focus on the current issues but tardiness and poor attendance are habit forming. The patterns remain the same as before Covid!

Please remember to fill out and send in The Return to School Form for any absences. The form can be found [here](#) or a search will bring it up and you can send to the teacher or office.

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We are very excited to get started with our new Green-Schools committee, consisting of students from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class. Everyone is looking forward to towards out next green flag which is Global Citizenship - Litter and Waste. We very busy after the Easter holidays carrying out litter and waste audits in our and researching Fair Trade products. We are on the look out for any goods that have the Fair Trade Logo.



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Remember to **Reduce, Reuse and Recycle**. Green-Schools Committee

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We'd also like to express our appreciation to Kill Tidy Towns who have helped with planting appropriate indigenous plants and tending to trees with mulch and protection. Thanks to Mick Behan, Pat Gallagher, Paddy Walsh, Larry Byrne and all those involved in helping us keep the school looking well as well as **nature** friendly.

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Thanks again to the great body of parents and guardians who continue to help us navigate the Choppy waters of Covid-19 - the disease and the guidelines. It sends out a great signal of cooperation, unity and responsibility to the pupils when they see adults modelling good behaviour. Do you remember back when the face coverings were queried internationally and went from do-not-wear to absolutely do-wear? We all know there were mixed messages being given out but thankfully our children witnessed well modelled behaviour.

We're trying to sort out end of year events with the Covid Cloud and as you know from the Bishop, no sacraments are not happening in June. We are checking guidelines to see what we can do for our SportsForAll days and end of year ceremonies. We'll be in touch.

Best wishes, Brendan Kelleher & Staff