**Scoil Bhríde**

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Dear Parents/Guardians

**Please read both sides!!!!!**

**Well done junior infants, new pupils and parents and staff!**

**It is fantastic to see our new pupils settling in so quickly and well into school. They are a credit to their families. They are so ready for school, coming in the gate on their own with no hassle, putting their own bags in the line and lining up at the bell. Fantastic! It is great to see them growing strong and finding their own feet. Great skills for life. Well done everyone!**

**5th and 6th class pupils**

It is hard to believe, but 6th class pupils have only another **173 days** of Primary school left! 5th class pupils will only be with us for another **358 days** (roughly one calendar year!!!!). For that reason, we would advise all families with pupils in both 5th and 6th class to begin making enquires to various secondary schools regarding the admissions process for your child (Especially those who may have children with additional needs) Many secondary schools will be holding various open nights over the next few weeks. It is important to keep yourself up to date with these developments over the next few weeks and to begin gathering all the information and important dates you will need regarding secondary school enrollment. For more information on local secondary schools in the area and the admissions process please visit [www.schooldays.ie](http://www.schooldays.ie) and [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie)

**Wet mornings**

Beginning next week we ask all parents/guardians on wet mornings to allow their child enter the school green side gate unaccompanied in order **to foster the child’s independence and responsibility** and to reduce chaos at the schools doors and in the corridors in the mornings. School staff will be there seeking that this request is carried out. The children at this stage are well able and know where to go and what to do. The children will be supervised on the corridors and in their classrooms till the bell rings.

If you are dropping your child to the school yourself please ***give a hug, say goodbye and leave.*** We are of course aware however that in certain special circumstances this is not possible. If parents stay around they are giving their child, especially smaller children, great temptation to run out of the yard to be with them rather than mixing with their friends.

It is also unfair to supervising staff trying their best to supervise over 200 children. Believe us, all children will settle more quickly, mix and play with friends!!

Lastly if you stay around, please be mindful of pathways and car drop off zones. In terms of health and safety and social distancing these must be kept clear. Please obey the school signs. The school has received written complaints regarding paths and drop-off zones being blocked by adults standing there.

So again, to ensure everyone’s safety our advice would be, please act responsibly when dropping your child to the school, give a hug, say goodbye, leave and keep pathways and roads clear. Believe us when we say, all children will settle more quickly, mix and play with friends!!

**The above routines are being put in place with your child’s Health and Safety in mind and making them independent. We look forward to your full co-operation.**

**Money outstanding for additional requirements**

All monies for additional requirements by now should be paid. ***Many thanks to those who have paid fully and on time*** as this allows us to purchase the necessary resources needed to give your child the best chance possible in their learning this year.

**Child Protection**

**From Monday September 16th we ask all parents/guardians to allow their child (including all new junior infants) enter through the green fence gate unaccompanied at the morning drop of time** in order **to foster the child’s independence and responsibility**. School staff will be there seeking that this request is carried out. This will allow us to monitor with ease any unwanted and unsupervised adult access to your child. If you wish to remain outside the new yard gate with your child till the bell goes at 9:20am that is fine too as the school’s official start time is not till 9.20am and it is at this handover time that class teachers assume official duty of care of your child. Thanks for your co-operation.

**Online payments**

If you have not received any link for paying for items online please let the school office know your child’s name and class and what online payment you wish to make and a new online link will be sent to you.

**School Ties**

School ties are available from the school office @ €6 each. School office hours are as follows:

Mon-Fri: 11am - 1pm and 1.30pm - 3pm

Sat: Closed

Sun: Closed

**Home Learning page on our school website**

**IN ORDER TO:**

**\* KEEP YOUR CHILD’S SCHOOL SAFE……AND**

**\* ENSURE ALL STAFF ARE AVAILABLE TO WORK….AND**

**\* TO PROTECT OUR MOST VULNERABLE PUPILS**

**WE NEED TO KEEP SICKNESS OUT OF OUR SCHOOL IN THE AUTUMN AND WINTER MONTHS AHEAD.**

**IF YOUR CHILD IS UNWELL, PLEASE DO NOT SEND THEM TO SCHOOL. THANK YOU…**

If your child has to isolate and stay out of school due to any infectious disease or sickness, please go to the following **HOME LEARNING** link on our school website for the school work they would be doing at that time in class <https://www.nurneyns.com/home-learning>

**Is your phone number and email address up to date on our school records in case of an emergency or if your child is sick or if the HSE need to contact you for contact tracing purposes?**

It is a parent’s responsibility to ensure that the school has an up-to-date phone number, emergency contact phone number **and email address!!!!** for you on our school records. Thank you!

I**t is also a parent’s responsibility to ensure that their child’s medical box and its enclosed medical details are up-to-date** Thank you!

**Board of Management**

The board of management currently has two parent nominee vacancies which need to be filled. Information regarding same will issue to all families next week.

**Book Committee**

Many thanks to the Book Committee who over the Summer Holidays prepared, covered and labeled all your child’s school books. Many thanks to Michelle Hamilton, Catherine Lennon, Catherine Owens, Lorraine Ivers, Mary Murray, Julie Harper, Holly Rennick, Gillian O’Sullivan and Vinny Thorpe who organized your child’s school book order on your behalf and ensured both their collection and delivery in June/July on their own free time.

**Swimming**

**A six-week course of swimming classes in K-Leisure Athy for 5th class starts on September 18th.** Details regarding payment from parents issued last week

A six-week course of swimming in K-Leisure Athy for all other senior classes will start as follows:

3rd class – November 6th 2024

6th class – January 15th 2025

4th class – March 5th 2025

**Parents Association**

A massive thank you to the Parents Association for raising funds before the Summer closure with a clothes collection to purchase art supplies worth €260 for all the children in our school. Well done!

**The Parents Association are holding a Family Fun 3K walk fundraiser on Saturday September 21st @ 11am. Details attached. All support welcome!**

**Hot School Meals**

It is the intention of Scoil Bhríde Nurney to apply and run this scheme from September 2025 if the funding is made available to all schools in the Government’s upcoming Budget 2025.

**Dates for your diary**

* **Welcome back to school mass – October 8th** @ 11:30am in School Hall
* School Photographer – **October 1st 2024**
* 6th class field trip to Athy Community College – September 27th
* Halloween Closure – School closed October 28th to November 1st inclusive.
* **School closes on Monday November 11th 2024 for all pupils as staff must attend a Department of Education seminar on the New Primary Maths Curriculum.**
* Annual School Book Fair –booked for **Spring 2025**
* 4th Class Annual Cycle Safety Training Course – **an eight-week course for 4th class starts Monday September 9th**. Details regarding payment from parents issued last week

***Wednesday Note and school information also available***

***on* www.nurneyns.com**

***Thank you for your co-operation with the above.***

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