

Scoil Eoin Baiste

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Bóthar Ghort na Mara Thiar

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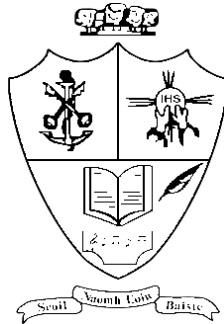
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Wednesday 25th August 2021

Dear Parents/ Guardians

A sincere and heartfelt welcome to you all on what is the beginning of your son's primary school journey with us. We endeavour to make it a memorable and positive experience for him with the hope that we will have instilled in him a love of learning and a natural curiosity.

It was a pleasure to chat with many of you via Zoom last May and June. At that time, I had intimated that we were hopeful that the day-to-day routines of school would get back to pre-covid times and that we would possibly have an opportunity to gather for a quick cup of tea and a chat on the first morning of school. Unfortunately, as per latest guidelines issued by the Department of Education last week, we are unable to invite parents into the school building and must adhere to the same protocols and prevention measures that we were operating with prior to the summer holidays.

As I am sure you can appreciate, while our original intention was to invite you into your son's classroom, we are not in a position to facilitate this. The safety of all the pupils and staff in our school is paramount and therefore we must operate our re-opening with the following protocols.

Day One: Tuesday 31st August 2021

- We ask that only **ONE** parent bring your son **into the yard**. It is a requirement that all parents wear a **face covering** when entering the school campus.
- There will be staff onsite to guide you to your zone.
- Once you have reached your zone, a member of staff will greet your son who will bring him into his classroom. There, his teacher will be waiting for him. It is advisable to remind your son that his teacher and other adults in the school will be wearing a face covering.
- We would ask that you depart as quickly as possible. We appreciate that this is a very important and emotional day but in our many years of experience it is far less distressing for the child when the parent is happy and cheerful and prompt in their goodbye. Please be assured that your son is in very good hands and that our staff are very sensitive to the fact that this is a difficult thing for parents to do.

The following Junior Infant Classes will be staggered for the **FIRST DAY ONLY:**

9:10 am: Ms. Oonan, Room 2

9:20 am: Ms. Duffy, Room 5

9:30 am: Ms. Breen, Room 4

Home-time (12 noon from Tuesday August 31st to Friday 10th September 2021 inclusive)

As is usual with home time collection, we will be operating a one- way system into the school campus, via our school hall. A member of staff will be there to guide you.

- Your son will be brought to the Junior Infant yard by their teacher at home-time for collection.
- The boys will be brought outside and will stop at their designated class line.
- We ask that parents stand at a distance of at least 2m from the class line when waiting.
- For Safety reasons, the Teacher will only release the boys to your care one by one from the top of the line.
- Please do not call your son out of the line as they will have to return to their place in the line and this will upset them.
- This is a little time consuming for the first few days while the teacher gets to know the adults collecting, but with your support and patience, this process soon becomes quicker.
- Please share this system with anyone else collecting your son. Remember to inform your son's teacher about alternative people collecting your child (e.g. childminder/creche). This is best done by email.

Wednesday 1st September to Friday 3rd September 2021:

- **All Junior Infant classes** will arrive to the yard at **9:10 am**
- Please bring your son to his designated zone which will be clearly marked in the yard.
- As with the previous day, bid your son farewell and depart the campus as promptly as is possible.
- Home time arrangements will be the same as per the previous day and will remain so for the first two weeks.

Monday 6th September to Friday 10th September 2021 inclusive:

- **All Junior Infant classes** will be dropped off by their parent **at the school gate at 8:50 am**. As with the previous week, we would implore you to keep your goodbyes short and positive.
- From here, under the guidance of staff, they will make their way to their classroom themselves.
- They will have practiced this routine in the days leading up to this so it will not be new for them.

From Monday 13th September the boys will be dismissed from the yard at 1:20 pm and this arrangement will continue for the rest of the year.

Kind regards,

Fiona Sheridan
Principal