

Scoil Eoin Baiste

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Bóthar Ghort na Mara Thiar

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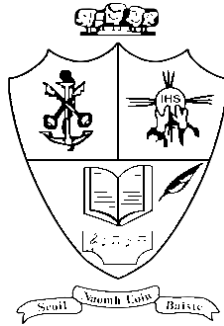
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25th August 2021

Dear Parents/ Guardians

I hope that you had a well - earned rest and an enjoyable summer. We look forward to re-opening our school and welcoming our boys back to school to begin a new academic year. A special welcome to our new Junior Infant boys who are embarking on their journey with us.

We have been very busy here over the summer. Our Solas class have had a makeover in their room with new flooring installed. We are also delighted to announce that work has commenced on our outdoor space / side garden. A lot of planning and thought went into this project behind the scenes and we are very excited to show you the finished product in the coming weeks.

Once completed, the boys will enjoy playing on specifically designed play structures and an outdoor classroom.

I would like to draw your attention to the official guidelines on the re-opening of schools from the Department of Education. While great progress has been made nationwide with the vaccination programme, there has been little change in relation to school protocols and covid prevention measures.

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/e1141-covid-19-response-plan-for-the-safe-and-sustainable-operation-of-primary-and-special-schools/>

Unfortunately, we will still be unable to invite parents into the school campus, unless by prior appointment. I am sure you share my frustrations that we are unable to invite parents into our school and enjoy the many extras that help enrich the overall experience of school for our boys.

However, we will continue to plough on with the anticipation of greater times ahead. As with last year, we will be using the Seesaw platform for online teaching and learning. Homework will be assigned via this platform and will be used as a mode of communication between parents and teachers. Your son's teacher will ensure that he is set up on Seesaw over the coming weeks.

Our school routines will remain the same as last year. We will be operating staggered opening and dismissal times. We ask that you drop your son at the gate (either the main gate or the Hall gate) and follow the one-way system into the hall and through the yard at collection time.

Senior Infants to Second Class will be operating on a normal school day from Tuesday 31st August 2021. We ask that all adults entering the school campus wear a face covering.

Please be advised of the following opening and dismissal times:

Solas Class:

Start time: 8:40 am (Enter through the main gate and hand over to a member of staff at the main door)

Dismissal time: 1:10 pm and 2:10 pm

Senior Infants:

Start time 8:40 (Enter through the main gate)

Dismissal time: 1:10 pm (Collection from the yard)

First Class:

Start time: 8:50 am (Enter through the hall gate)

Dismissal time: 2:20pm (Collection from the yard)

Second Class:

Start time: 8:40 am (Enter through the hall gate)

Dismissal time: 2:10 pm (Collection from the yard)

If your son cycles or scoots to school he can enter through the main gate, park his scooter/bike and enter the school building through the main foyer.

We will continue our hand sanitizing system on entry to the school building.

In order to ensure the safe and smooth entry to the school we would ask that you only arrive at your son's specific start time and not any earlier.

If brothers have two separate starting times, we will accommodate both boys to arrive in the school at the earlier time.

We remind parents that nuts (of any type) are not permitted in school lunch boxes due to various nut allergies that some of our pupils have.

We look forward to seeing you again next Tuesday 31st August 2021.

Kind regards

Fiona Sheridan
Príomhoide