

## Newsletter – September 7<sup>th</sup>

Welcome back to all associated with Scoil Bhríde and hoping that we have a happy and healthy school year. A special welcome to the new boys and girls who have started in Junior Infants and other classes. We will strive to ensure that they have a very successful time in this lovely school. I would like to bring a few issues to your attention and to thank you again in anticipation of your co-operation.

### Punctuality

School begins at 8.50am and we are very satisfied that families are working hard to help their children to be on time. Punctuality is a good habit and we will continue to encourage the children to be punctual.

### Uniform

Thanks so much to all who are responding to our request that the children wear the uniform. It is so attractive and we should all be proud to wear it. Wearing of uniform and punctuality are vital cogs in setting a positive tone in any school. Your co-operation is very much appreciated.

### School Steps / Health & Safety

When the children are exiting the school it is important that they can leave safely. It is really helpful when parents stay back on the steps and wait for their children to go to them. It is also important that younger children are not standing or cycling at the door. This means that there is no crushing and the teacher and child can spot the adult who is collecting. **All who cycle to school must dismount from their bikes outside the school gate and walk on the school premises.**

### No Dogs

You might have noticed that there are ‘No Dogs’ signs around the school. Some children are afraid of dogs and in general it is not safe to have them around the chaos of a school morning/evening. Please don’t be offended if Bart asks you not to have your dog on the school premises.

### Junior Infants / Arrival time for all

- The juniors seem to have really settled in well. In order to encourage their independence we are asking the parents to bring them **only to the front door**, from next Monday, and to encourage them to walk into class themselves. It is our experience that this is good for the children and it also gives the teacher the space to settle the children down and ease them into their day. If there are any issues with your child as a result of this, we will contact you of course.
- **This applies to children in all other classes as well.**

### Art & Craft / Book Rental / Parent Association Contribution / Homework Journal (from 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>)

Thanks to all who have paid. We are hoping that we can have all the monies currently due collected by the end of September. If, by then, you have not contacted us we will be in touch with you. If you are having difficulty please contact the office where we can discuss any issues you might have with this.

Thank you again for your support and co-operation

Regards

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**Joe Hartnett**  
Principal