

## CALENDAR 2019-2020

- Closed Wednesday 17th March-Public Holiday.
- Easter 2021: Closing Friday 26th March 2021 at 12.15pm and re-opening on Monday 12th April 2021.
- May Break 2021: Closed 3rd -7th May inclusive.
- Closed Monday 7th June-Public Holiday Summer Holidays:
- Closing Wednesday 30th June 2021 at 12.15pm.

Scoil Íde is used as a Polling Station so we will be closed for any Elections/Referendums that may be called.

### Drop-Off and Collection Procedures

#### Junior Infants:

Enter at Gate A opens at 08:45. Enter on the right hand side.  
Exit at Gate E on the Mill Road side from 13.40

#### Senior Infants Rooms 1,2&3:

Enter at Gate A on the left hand side. Open from 08:45.  
Exit at Gate A from 13:40

#### Senior Infants Room 8:

Enter the school at Gate E ( Mill Road side of the school)  
Exit the school at Gate E

#### 1st classes: Rooms 9,10 & 11:

Enter the school at Gate E ( Mill Rd side of the school) Open from 08:40  
Exit the school at Gate E ( Mill Rd side of the school)

#### 2nd Classes: Rooms 12,13,14 & 16:

Enter at Gate C (in front of Room 16) Open from 08:40.  
Exit from Gate C from 14:40

#### 3rd classes: Rooms 17,18 & 19:

Enter at Gate B ( in front of Reception) Open from 08:40.  
Exit from Gate B from 14:45

#### 4th Classes: Room 15:

Enter the school at Gate C or Gate E . Open from 08:40.  
Exit from Gate C or Gate E from 14:45

#### 4th Classes: Kavanagh, Yeats, Keats:

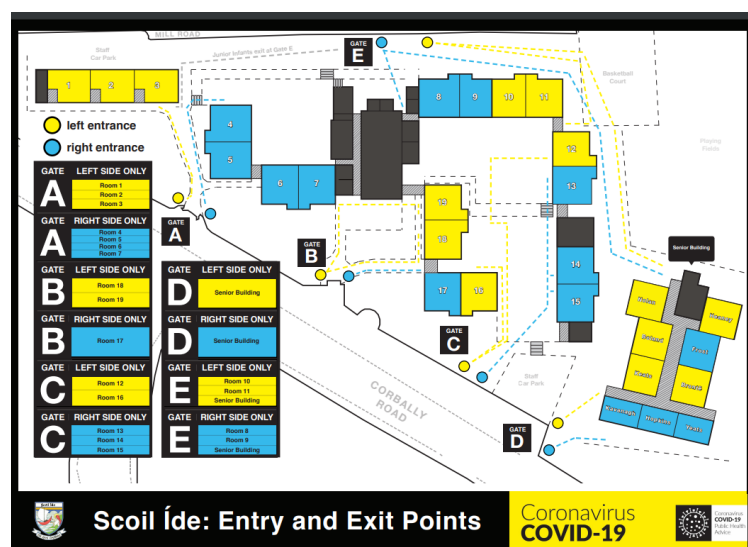
Enter the school at Gate D ( in front of Senior Building) or Gate E . Open from 08:40.  
Exit the school from Gate D or E from 14:40

#### 5th classes

Enter the school at Gate D ( in front of Senior Building) or Gate E. Open from 08:40.  
Exit the school from Gate D or E from 14:45

#### 6th classes

Enter the school at Gate D ( in front of Senior Building) or Gate E ( Mill Road side). Open from 08:40.  
Exit the school from Gate D or E from 14:45



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# SCOIL ÍDE NEWS

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January & February 2021

### WELL DONE

ACE awards are given to pupils who excel in school life through Attainment, Community Spirit or Effort.

Well done to our ACEs.

#### January

VI: Nolan: Jason Lerner

VI: Heaney: Sinead Kennedy

VI: Boland: Faye Kidney

#### February

VI: Nolan: Anna O' Shaughnessy

VI: Heaney: Seán O'Brien

VI: Boland: Sophie Glancy



Sincere thanks to all parents and guardians for their support of the partial school re-opening on Monday March 1st.

It was great to welcome back our children in Junior Infants, Senior Infants, 1st class and 2nd class. It is intended that children in 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th classes will return to school on Monday, March 15th.

The last number of weeks have been particularly challenging for us all and the partial re-opening of the school is a welcome and positive development. Parents/guardians and school staff have worked very hard together to make remote learning as successful as it can be. It will require a concerted & combined effort to ensure that the school remains open for the next four weeks so that we can welcome back our senior classes ahead of the Easter holidays.

Some of the children may be anxious ahead of returning to school while others may take some time to settle back into routines. so take the time to talk to them about how they are feeling and assure them that we are all working very hard to make their return safe and enjoyable.

The main points for parents & guardians to consider are as follows...

1. Drop children off at school and collect children promptly. There should be absolutely no congregating at the school gates.
2. We ask all parents and guardians to wear face masks when dropping children off in the mornings and collecting children in the evenings.
3. Do not send children to school if they are not feeling well or displaying one or any of the symptoms of COVID-19.

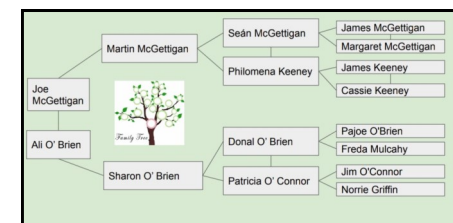
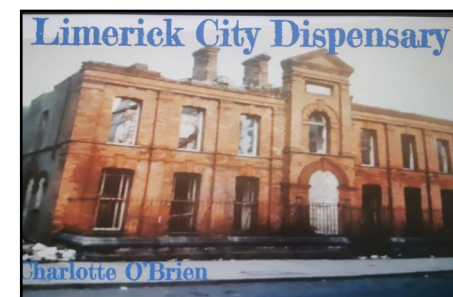


We re-opened with blue skies and a thumbs up from Pippa in Room 6 On Monday, March 1st





## Whole School Assembly



Scoil Íde hosted its first ever Virtual Whole School Assembly on Friday, February 12th. Thanks to all the children from Junior Infants all the way up to 6th class who participated in the assembly. Thanks to the parents and guardians for taking the time to record and submit the videos to Ms Phayer who expertly edited all the footage together ahead of the premier at 12:30.

Four of our Junior Infants introduced the assembly like seasoned professionals while their Senior Infant counterparts recited the Poem "Spring".

1st and 2nd class children then answered some of the questions that were posed to the classes during remote learning calls with Mr D'Arcy such as "Who is your favourite Superhero?" and "Is pineapple on Pizza a good idea or a bad idea?"

We were delighted to have Fr Derek join us from St Nicholas and we thank him for his words of wisdom.

A number of children from our 3rd and 4th classes said Prayers of the Faithful and the Assembly concluded with 6th class children reciting Rudyard Kipling's poem "If".

## ROAD AND CHILD SAFETY

We again appeal to all parents who drive to school to be especially careful about where they park. Oftentimes entrances are obstructed and cars are parked on footpaths forcing parents, children and buggies with small children onto the main road.

Residents in the Irish Estates have commented on the speed of traffic through the estate putting children walking to school at risk.

Injury or worse to a child is a horrific thought so we ask all to exercise caution and civility while driving/parking in the locality.

## FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENT SKILLS

Fundamental movement skills are a specific set of skills that involve different body parts such as feet, legs, trunk, head, arms and hands. These skills are the 'building blocks' for more complex and specialised skills that children will need throughout their lives to competently participate in different games, sports and recreational activities.

In P.E lessons, teachers will be focusing on developing balance, locomotive and ball skills in pupils. We encourage you to remind children to practice these skills at home. Activities to develop fundamental movements include running, climbing, skipping, hopping, throwing/ catching, kicking balls, side stepping and balancing. kicking balls, side stepping and balancing.

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