

CALENDAR 2019-2020

Closed Monday, 30th September 2019 to facilitate training for teachers in the new Primary Language Curriculum

October Mid-term Break: Closed Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2019 inclusive.

Christmas Holidays: Closing Friday, 20th December at 12.15 p.m. and re-opening Monday, 6th January 2020.

February 2020 Mid-term Break: Closed Monday 17th February 2020 to Friday 21st February 2020.

Closed Tuesday, 17th March 2020- Public Holiday.

Easter 2020: School closing Friday 3rd April 2020 at 12.15 p.m. and reopening Monday 20th April 2020.

Closed Monday, 4th May 2020-Public Holiday.

Closed Friday, 29th May and Monday, 1st June 2020-Public Holiday.

Closing Friday, 26th June 2020 at 12.15 p.m.

Half day closures for Language Curriculum In-Service also to be confirmed.

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

SCHOOL SELF-EVALUATION (SSE)

Our two areas for SSE are English writing genres and Oral Irish.

Each term, every class will learn a new writing genre and revise one other genre. This occurs on a two year cycle in order to cover all genres.

To develop spoken Irish, we have decided to play more Irish language games in class, use more spoken Irish informally around the school and teach the PE warm-up in Irish. Every week an Irish phrase will be sent home for homework. These are also available on our website. We would appreciate if you could use these phrases at home with your children in helping us to fulfil our SSE targets.



E-PAYMENTS

Parents are encouraged to use our e-payments system to pay for class supplies, insurance, swimming etc. This is a good way of keeping record of money paid to the school. Receipts will be issued by text message.



STAFF CHANGES

We welcome David O' Sullivan and Laura O'Shea to our permanent staff.

Ray D'Arcy has been appointed as our new Deputy Principal. We wish him all the best in his new role.



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SCOIL ÍDE NEWS

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SCHOOL CLOSURE

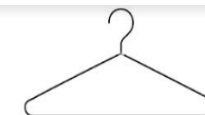
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PARENTS' ASSOCIATION



Used Clothing Drive

Support Scoil Íde while giving your wardrobes an autumn clear out. We are asking for donations of wearable, old clothing and accessories.

We Need:

- Good Quality, Wearable Clothing
- Paired Shoes
- Hats & Scarves
- Bed Linen, Towels & Curtains
- Belts & Handbags



We Cannot Accept:

- Duvets or Pillows
- Dirty or Damp
- Soft toys



Drop off Details:

Where? Halla at Scoil Íde (Side Storage)

When? All Day Thurs 3rd October & up to 10am Friday 4th October.

We cannot accept goods after this time.

Your generosity is very much appreciated by all at Scoil Íde.



Our 3rd classes learning cricket.

JUNIOR INFANT APPLICATIONS 2020

Applications are now open for our Junior Infant Intake for 2020. Applications are now only accepted in the year previous to starting school and are conducted through our website: www.scoilide.ie

In September 2020 we will be able to take in 4 classes.

If you or your neighbours have children due to start school be sure to log on to www.scoilide.ie and make the application. Please be sure to read the Enrolment Policy also as all offers of places are made in accordance with this.

PARKING AND CHILD SAFETY

Please be mindful of the rules of the road when dropping and collecting children from school.

Please avoid blocking entrances and exits. Please use pedestrian access points and avoid walking through the car parks.

Please do not bring dogs, even those on leads, onto the school grounds when dropping off or collecting children.

The safety of our school community is pivotal.

WE NEED YOUR CO-OPERATION WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- Uniforms-every day except PE days. T- Shirts for PE should cover the shoulders and upper arms. The P.E tracksuit should be navy. Leggings are not suitable.
- If they can take it off or leave it down put a name tag on it.
- Park safely outside the school, and respect the entrances of our neighbours.
- Don't walk through the car parks- this is a major safety issue.
- No hoop earrings or chains for safety reasons. All earrings may have to be removed for PE lessons.
- Encourage good work habits for homework.
- Encourage your child to read for enjoyment all the time. Younger children (up to 2nd/3rd) should be read to every night.
- Insist on courtesy and good behaviour at home and at school.
- Healthy lunches - we believe this a parental responsibility. Children should not share lunches and should take their rubbish home with them. Our guide to healthy eating is available on our website.
- Please do not send in 'treats' for the class. There are children in all classes with a variety of diagnosed conditions which mean they cannot partake.
- Make sure your child is getting enough sleep. Consider operating a 'technological sunset' with no phones/tablets etc allowed in bedrooms at night.
- Send in a note explaining absences when a child returns- no need to ring unless a Doctor says to inform us.
- Check your child's head regularly for lice. You need to contact the class teacher if there is an outbreak.
- Read the Newsletter. It's how we let you know what's happening.
- Support the Parents' Association by getting involved.
- Check the school website and Twitter feed to keep up to date

SCHOOL SUPERVISION

School starts at 9am. Children should not attend school too early as there is no supervision in place.

Parents waiting for school to finish at 2.45pm should ensure that their children are supervised at all times while on the school grounds.

EARLY DISMISSAL

Any pupil being collected early must first be signed out at the office. You will be provided with a sign-out slip which must be given to the teacher. Only then can they be taken from their classes.

MEETINGS WITH TEACHERS

If you wish to speak to a teacher regarding any issue, it is important that you make an appointment.

These appointments can be made for either before or after school. Teachers cannot meet parents during teaching hours unless a formal appointment has been made and supervision arrangements have been put in place.

CHILD PROTECTION

All teachers are mandated to report any disclosures from pupils. The Designated Liaison Person is Grace Burke and Deputy Designated Liaison person is Ray D'Arcy.

You can read our full policy online.

FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHS

On occasion during the school year children may be filmed or photographed for our website, Twitter feed, the Scoil Íde News or as part of any number of projects the school is involved in.

As we are one of the schools involved with the University of Limerick, Hibernia College and Mary Immaculate College of Education in teacher training, videos of lessons may be taken. Our protocol for all these is that children are never individually named and in the case of teacher training that the tapes are used only for instructional purposes under the ethics guidelines of the University and are wiped after use.

If you take photos at school events you should not share these images.

CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION

Your children receiving the sacraments is part of a journey you began when you brought them for their baptism. We are delighted to be able to help you by teaching the children the religious education programme but the primary responsibility is a parental one.

Our role is to help you but not to take your place. If you have decided that your child is receiving the sacraments, **your** participation in the preparation – especially at home and in the parish– is vital.

Dates for sacraments will be passed on as soon as they are confirmed.

ASSEMBLIES

All classes from III to VI regularly host assemblies in the school hall on a Friday at 9am.

Assemblies involve reflection on what has taken place in school, prayer and song.

Your child will notify you of the date as it approaches.

We welcome parental attendance

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We are extremely fortunate that staff members volunteer their time and expertise to provide a selection of activities for the children of Scoil Íde. These activities include:

- Hockey (5th & 6th)
- Rugby (5th & 6th)
- Athletics (2nd-6th)
- Basketball (4th-6th)
- Guitar (3rd)
- Choir (3rd-6th)
- Recorder Ensemble (3rd-4th)
- Orchestra (3rd-6th)

Your child will be notified when these activities are due to commence.

PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS

Many classes host information nights for parents in early September to inform parents as to practices and procedures that take place throughout the year.

Teachers also hold formal parent-teacher meetings with individual parents. Dates are subject to change.

Junior Infants	Week of 20th Jan. 2020
Senior Infants	Week of 20th Jan. 2020
1st Class	Week of 10th Feb. 2020
2nd Class	Week of 11th Nov. 2019
3rd Class	Week of 18th Nov. 2019
4th Class	Week of 11th Nov. 2019
5th Class	Week of 21st Oct. 2019
6th Class	Week of 11th Nov. 2019