

CALENDAR 2020-2021

October 2020 mid-term break: Monday 26th October 2020 to Friday 30th October 2020 inclusive.

Christmas 2020: Closing on Tuesday 22nd December 2020 at 12.15pm and re-opening on Wednesday 6th January 2021.

February 2021 mid-term break: Close 15th-19th February inclusive.

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: Close 3rd-7th May inclusive.

Closed Monday 7th June-Public Holiday

Summer Holidays: Closing Wednesday 30th June 2021 at 12.15pm.

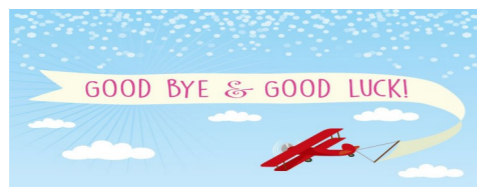
CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION

Receiving the sacraments is a part of a journey you began with your children when you brought them for their baptism. We are delighted to be able to help you by teaching the religious education programme, Grow in Love but the primary responsibility is a parental one. Our role is to help you but not take your place. If you have decided that your child will be 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.

RETIREMENT AND STAFF CHANGES

We would like to congratulate Special Needs Assistant Mary O' Sullivan on her retirement. Mary has worked in Scoil Íde for 14 years. We wish her all the best for a long and happy retirement.



Due to personal circumstances, I will be leaving Scoil Íde in the coming weeks to take on a new position in Co. Mayo. I would like to thank the Board of Management, the staff and the parent body for their support over the past two years. Scoil Íde will always hold a special place in my heart. It is a wonderful school with fantastic staff and pupils. I wish you all the best for the remainder of this school year and into the future.

Le gach dea-ghuí,
Grace Burke

BEREAVEMENT

We wish to extend our sympathies to the family of Linda Benn, who worked in the school for a number of years.

We also wish to extend our condolences to Fiona Crowe and her children, past pupils Stephen, Mark and Amy on the loss of their husband and father, Ken, who was also a past pupil of Scoil Íde.

You are in our thoughts and prayers.



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JUNIOR INFANT APPLICATIONS 2020

Due to updated legislation, applications will open on 1st October for our 2021 Junior Infant Intake. Applications are only accepted in the year previous to starting school and are conducted through our website: www.scoilide.ie

In September 2021, we will be able to take in three classes.

If you or your neighbours have children due to start school be sure to log on to www.scoilide.ie on or after 1st October 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. Children must use pedestrian access points and avoid walking through the car parks.

Please be sure to social distance from other parents and families at drop off and collection times.

After consultation with the City Council, the railings outside of Gate B have been adapted to allow for children to access the school more safely.



WELCOME BACK

We reopened Scoil Íde on Thursday 27th August after being closed for five and a half months. It was wonderful to see the smiling faces of all of our pupils return through the gates.

We must commend them all on adapting so well to the new procedures. Thanks also to the parents and guardians for their support and cooperation at this time.

Our Response Plan can be viewed on our website. It is currently under review and will be updated at the next Board of Management meeting.

HSE MEDICAL ADVICE FOR CHILDREN

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. Skirts/shorts should be knee length.
- 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.
- No access to the school 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.
- 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. Gates will open at 8.40am for 1st-6th classes and 8.45am for infants.

Congregation at the gates before and after school should not take place.

Thank you for your cooperation!

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 on our website.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

While it is accepted that there is a direct link between school attendance and pupil progress, there will be exceptions made this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We thank you all for your vigilance by keeping children who are unwell at home, seeking GP advice and observing the HSE guidelines around restricting movements, isolation etc.

This will have an effect on attendance figures, however, our primary concern is to keep the school open and the school community safe. The school is obliged by law to inform Tusla when a pupil is absent for 20 days in one school year. As teachers fill in the category of absence, parents should contact them to inform them of the nature of the absence. If absences are COVID-19 related, this will be indicated to Tusla.

WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME AND PHONE YOUR GP

Do not send your child to school if any of the following is true

Your child has:

- A temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or more
- Any common symptoms of COVID-19-a new cough, loss/change of sense of taste/smell, or shortness of breath
- Been a close contact with someone who tested positive
- Been in close contact or living with someone who has been referred for a test
- Been living with someone who may be unwell and may have COVID-19

OTHER SYMPTOMS

If your child has

- Diarrhoea
- Headache
- Sore Throat

Keep them at home for at least 48 hours.

After 48 hours it is ok to send your child back to school as long as:

Their symptoms do not get worse

They do not develop new symptoms

They do not need paracetamol/ibuprofen during these 48 hours

WHEN IT IS OKAY TO SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL

It is usually okay to send your child to school if they

- Only have a runny nose or a sneeze
- Do not have a temperature
- Do not live with anyone who is unwell and may have COVID-19
- Have been told by a GP that their illness is not COVID-19
- Have got a 'not detected' test result and have not had symptoms for 48 hours
- Have not had diarrhoea for 48 hours

CLOSE CONTACT

If your child has been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19, they should restrict their movements for 14 days even if they feel well and have no symptoms.

CONFIRMED CASE PROCEDURES

The Public Health Department of the HSE is the agency responsible by law for dealing with positive cases of COVID-19:

Once notified by the HSE testing regime, Public Health doctors assume total control of the situation and will carry out a risk assessment. Based on questioning, the person with the positive result will ascertain if they were within the school setting when they contracted the virus. If not, there is no need to contact the school. If the person was within the school setting when they contacted the virus, Public Health will contact the principal to carry out a Public Health Risk Assessment. This is a set of questions to see who might have been exposed to the virus and who needs to be excluded or tested. The risk assessment will be unique to each school. The principal and BoM have no function in the risk assessment other than to provide whatever information is required by the Public Health Medical Officer conducting the risk assessment. The principal and BoM may be asked to assist the Medical Office by sending a message from them to the relevant families identified in the risk assessment. Public Health will not contact other members of the school community. The principal and the BoM are not permitted to inform members of the school community of the identity of the person or persons who have tested positive for COVID-19 for the following reasons:

- Doctor-Patient Confidentiality
- GDPR legislation which prevents the publication of personal data without consent