



3ú Meán Fómhair 2020



Fáilte/Welcome Back

Fáilte thar n-ais ar scoil gach éinne. Ba mhian linn fáilte faoi leith a chuir roimh gach éinne go háirithe ár bpáistí nua atá ag teacht ar scoil don chéad uair.

As we start a new school year, we would like to extend a very warm welcome back to everyone. We would also like to welcome all our new pupils to the school and look forward to a busy school year ahead! As we near the end of our first week back in school we would like to thank everyone for being so co-operative and patient as we all try to adapt to the new measures.

Am Oscailte na scoile /School Opening Times - Collection of Children

- *Beidh geataí na scoile ag oscailt ar a 9r.n. agus tosnóidh Rang a 1 go dtí Rang a 6 ar 9.10r.n.* The school gates will open every morning at 9.00am. Rang 1 – Rang 6 will begin class at 9.10am.
- 9.20 – 2.00p.m. Naíonáin Bheaga & Naíonáin Mhóra (**the Naíonáin Bheaga class will finish at 12:00 for the first two weeks.** From September 14th Naíonáin Bheaga will go home at 2pm. **In order to facilitate parents from Naíonáin Mhóra with older siblings in other classes, Senior Infants may be dropped from 9am.**)
- The collection point for Naíonáin Bheaga will be at the side gate by the Junior Infant playground.
- The collection point for Naíonáin Mhóra will be at the railing in front of the main school door.
- Please inform childminders, grandparents etc. of the new arrangements.

- We remind parents that Naíonáin Bheaga should not be dropped or lined up before 9:20am.
- Parents are reminded that it is vital to collect your children on time. If Parents are scheduling their children to be collected by the crèche or to walk home unaccompanied please inform the school in writing.
- Parents are not permitted to enter the building without a prior appointment as per the current directive from the DES. Please email the school to make an appointment or alternatively phone the office.

Rang/Class	Am tosnaithe / Drop Off Time	Am Dul Abhaile / Collection Time
Rang a 6	9.10	2.50
Rang a 5	9.10	2.50
Rang a 4	9.10	2.50
Rang a 3	9.10	2.50
Rang a 2	9.10	2.50
Rang a 1	9.10	2.50
Naíonáin Mhóra	9.20	2.00
Naíonáin Bheaga	9.20	12.00 for the first 2 weeks 2.00 after the first 2 weeks

Ag Páirceáil sa Charrchlós/Car-parking

Táimid ag iarraidh an córas is fearr a chur i bhfeidhm ionas go mbeidh páistí na Gaelscoile slán sábháilte timpeall na scoile.

We recommend the following procedures to ensure the safety of all children in the Gaelscoil.

1. We ask that parents take great care on approaching the school and **to drive slowly** on entering and exiting the school each day.
2. The school operates a **one way parking** and **drop off system**. Please make full use of the available spaces in the car park. If there is not a space available **please do not stop** and wait for your child in the middle of the drive-thru lane.
3. We would also appreciate those who have parking spaces **to vacate their parking space immediately once their child has been dropped off or collected**. This will give parents who do not have a parking space a chance to pull in, collect/drop off their child and move on.
4. For the health and safety of children we would also appreciate if parents who have collected their children do not to let them run around the car park as there are moving vehicles in the school grounds.
5. **Parking is not permitted in Jeffers car park at any time – before, during or after school, residential driveways should not be obstructed/do not park on or line roadway outside the school gate before 9am.**

6. I appreciate the school yard is very busy each morning and evening but I ask parents to be mindful of others entering the school yard. Your children's safety is our priority. As areas to the front of the school are used by pupils of the Gaelscoil for school activities it is necessary that all cars are gone from the school car park by **9:30**a.m

Athrú ar shonraí tuistí / Change of contact details

Bheadh sé ina chabhair mhór dúinn más rud é go bhfuil aon athruithe tagtha ar bhur sonraí maidir le huimhreacha teileafóin nó seoladh baile, é a chur in iúl don rúnaí chomh luath is gur féidir nó glaoch a chuir ar an scoil ag a 023 88 43378.

We ask parents/guardians to inform the School of any changes in contact numbers/emergency contact details/email address regarding their children. We would like to bring to your attention that it is our practice to send messages to one mobile number per family. You can contact the school directly on 023 88 43378.

Íocaíochtaí/Payments

Beidh córas nua íocaíochta ar líne in úsáid againn i mbliana. Clúdaíonn sé seo ábhair ealaíne, fóta chóipeáil, árachas agus gníomhaíochtaí seach-churaclaim. Beimid i dteagmháil go luath le sonraí an chórais nua.

A new Way 2 Pay system for payments will be operational shortly. These payments cover Art & Craft materials, photocopying, Pupil Personal Insurance and other expenses.

Dátaí don dialann / Dates for your Diary

An Chéad Chomaoineach/First Holy Communion (Rang 3) - Saturday the 26th of September at 10am

*An Cóineartú/Confirmation - due to the restriction on numbers the Confirmation of last year's Rang a 6 class **only** will take place in St. Patrick's Church Bandon on Saturday the 3rd of October at 10am. Bandon Parish will be in contact with our former Rang a 6 students in the near future. The current Rang a 6 will receive their Confirmation at a later date.*

Due to the current restrictions/guidelines on numbers, the parents/guardians of the child receiving their Holy Communion or Confirmation and their siblings only will be allowed to attend the ceremony. Both ceremonies will be broadcast on the Church Webcam.

Tinreamh / Electronic Roll Books

Tá córas rolla leictreonach sa scoil seo agus tá dualgas orainn an rolla a bheith déanta roimh 10:20 gach maidin. Más rud é go mbeidh do pháiste déanach, cuir scéal chugainn ionas gur féidir linn do pháiste a mharcáil isteach le do thoil.

The school uses an Electronic system for recording the roll. We are obliged to have the attendance for the school day completed by 10.20am. Punctuality for 9:20a.m. is of vital importance for all students. If for any reason your child is going to be late please contact the school so we can ensure your child's attendance is recorded for that day.

Ag bailiú leanaí go luath/Collecting children early and Appointments with Staff

Más rud é go bhfuil ort do pháiste a bhailiú go luath, caithfear dul i dteagmháil leis an scoil roimhré trí ghlaoch ar an scoil nó ríomhphost a sheoladh chuig info@gsbandan.ie

If your child has to be collected early you are asked to contact school in advance to arrange this.

- In the event of a person unknown to school staff collecting your child. Please inform school in advance.
- If parents wish to speak with a member of staff they should contact the office to schedule a call. Thank you for your co-operation.

Sláinteachas agus Glantachán / Hygiene and Cleaning

Good hand hygiene and cough etiquette is being promoted in school. Parents/guardians are asked to support the school in reinforcing this message. Sanitiser dispensers have been installed throughout the school e.g. at each entrance and in each classroom. Hot water and soap is available in all toilets and in the staff room.

In accordance with the DES guidelines, the school will be thoroughly cleaned every evening. Particular attention is being focused on frequently touched surfaces – door handles, handrails, chairs/arm rests, communal eating areas, sink and toilet facilities.

Bainne/Milk

*Beidh bainne ar fáil do pháistí ó Naí Shinsir – Rang 6. Beidh costas **€20.00** air agus cludóidh sé sin ó lú lá de mhí Dheireadh Fómhair go dtí Briseadh na Cásca. Má tá suim ag aon duine bainne a fháil, tabhair an t-airgead don mhúinteoir ranga roimh an Aoine, an 18ú lá de mhí Meán Fhómhair.*

School milk is available to pupils from **Senior Infants - 6th Class**. The cost per child from 1st October to the Easter Break is **€20.00 per child**. For anyone interested in school milk please notify the school by email before September 18th. Our way 2 pay system will facilitate payment.

Scoil Cothaithe Sláinte/Health Promoting School

Mar scoil cothaithe sláinte déanaimid tréaniarracht béim speisialta a chur ar shláinte. Molaimid lóin sláintiúla. Ní cheadaítear na hearraí seo a leanas: deochanna súilíneacha, criospaí, milséain agus guma coganta, táirgí seacláide (m.sh barraí le seacláid, iógart le seacláid, brioscaí le seacláid agus araile). Tá cead rud deas amháin a thabhairt isteach ar an Aoine.

As a Health Promoting School we endeavour to promote healthy lunches. The following items are not allowed fizzy drinks, crisps, sweets and chewing gum. We encourage children to include fruit and vegetables in their lunch and to cut back on sugary treats. We recommend restricting sugars to perhaps one small fun-size treat on Friday. While we acknowledge children's birthdays in school as part of our Healthy Lunch Policy we ask parents not to send in cakes or treats for the whole class. We remind parents that the circulation of birthday invitations should happen outside of school.

Ailléirge Cnónna/ Nut Allergies

Tá roinnt leanaí ar scoil le hailléirge cnónna – d'fhéadfadh aon teagmháil le cnónna d'aon saghas a bheith fíor-chontúirteach. Iarraimid oraibh a bheith airdeallach ina leith is lón do linbh á chur le chéile agat. Meabhraimid daoibh nach bhfuil cead ag leanaí bia a roinnt ar scoil, fíú ar ócáidí speisialta.

Some children in the school have nut allergies – any contact with peanuts or other nuts can be extremely dangerous. Please be mindful of this when organising your child's lunch. We ask parents to remind their children that sharing of lunches is prohibited. With the health and safety of all in mind, children should not bring in any food to share with their class.

As a Health Promoting School every effort will be made to ensure that children get fresh air and exercise during the school day. Please ensure your child brings a coat to school each day.

Ag Clarú/Enrolment 2021/2022

Bheimís buíoch dá bhféadfadh aon tuismitheoir le páistí sa scoil acu cheana féin agus atá ag iarraidh páistí eile a chlárú sa scoil sonraí a pháiste a thabhairt isteach chuig an oifig.

Could any parents who already have children attending the school and who wish to enrol siblings for the 2021/2022 school year please contact the office with their details.

Cumann na Tuistí/Parents Association

The AGM of the Parents Association will take place via ZOOM on Thursday, 17th September at 8:00p.m. Everyone Welcome. If you would like to attend please email ParentsAssociationGnaB@outlook.ie for login details.

Éide Scoile / Culaith Reatha na Scoile - Uniforms/Tracksuits

Due to the current pandemic, we would ask the school tracksuit be worn from Mondays to Thursdays to help with regular washing of your child's school clothes. The full school uniform with Uniforms or tracksuits should be taken off straight after the child arrives home from school for the day. They should not be worn in after-school facilities, shops, during after-school activities, etc. The school tracksuit consists of a red round neck jumper with school crest, a white polo shirt (no crest required) and black tracksuit pants. The school uniform consists of a grey pants/pinafore/skirt, a red crested v-neck jumper/cardigan, a cream shirt and a red striped school tie. All items are available from Kevin Bowen's shop on Southmain St. Bandon.

An Club Obair Bhaile & Gníomhaíochtaí Iarscoile / The Homework Club & After School Activities

Ní bheidh an Club Obair Bhaile ná na gnáth-imeachtaí iarscoile ar siúl don téarma seo.

Current DES directives do not permit the facilitation of the Club Obair Bhaile or other clubs this term.

Leabhair Scoile le tabhairt thar nais / The Return of Literacy Lift off books & Book Rental books

Tá roinnt leabhar scoile fós le tabhairt thar nais. Bheimis buíoch dá bhféadfaí iad a sheoladh thar nais chomh luath agus is féidir.

A small number of books have yet to be returned. Please hand the books that were not returned in as soon as possible in a sealed plastic bag with your child's name and last year's class teacher on the front of the bag. We would appreciate your expedience in this matter as failure to return the books will delay the allocation of books for the current academic year.

Consent Form

Please find below consent form. You are asked to complete this form and please return to the school by **Friday, September 11th 2020.**



Consent Form 20202021

I consent to my child: _____ to:
(Ainm/Name) (Rang/Class)

- (a) Taking part in supervised activities, trips that involve leaving the school grounds. Yes No
- (b) Attending additional teaching groups (Including learning support/resource groups during school hours. Yes No
- (c) Being included in photographs for display in school, Yes No
- (d) Being included in photographs/DVDs for the school website Yes No
- (e) Being included in photographs/videos for other publications Yes No

Allergies _____ Yes No

Signed: _____
Parent/Guardian

Date: _____