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# Nuachtlitir

## Méan Fómhair

### 2020

Fáilte ar ais gach duine! Welcome back everyone!

We are so delighted to see the children back at school. A special thank you to all the parents for complying with all our 'new' arrangements to fight the virus. It is a completely new way of life for our school but we are committed to making it work and keeping our school open. As you are aware, adult-to-adult transmission is still the biggest threat of the virus spreading so please wear a mask when dropping/collecting children and practice physical distancing of 2m. Please do not congregate at the school.

GO RAIBH MAITH AGAIBH AR FAD/THANK YOU ALL.

NÍ NEART GO CUR LE CHÉILE  
/UNITY IS STRENGTH

### *Naíonáin Bheaga Nua/ New Junior Infants*

We would especially like to welcome our new Junior Infants/ Naíonáin Bheaga class and parents to the school. The new páistí have now settled in really well and will be in school for the full Junior Infants timetable 08.30am-13.10pm.





## Múinteoirí nua/ New Teachers

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to **Múinteoir Aileen** whom you may already know and to **Múinteoir Nicola** who works between Gaelscoil Bhaile Munna and Our Lady of Victories Infant School. Fáilte romhaibh!

Foirm Leigheas/Administration  
Medicine Policy Form

Should your child need to take medicine during school hours you will need to complete a Medicine Administration Form. You can obtain this form via email at

[runai@gaiscoilbhailemunna.ie](mailto:runai@gaiscoilbhailemunna.ie)

## Footwear in school/ Bróga scoile

For safety reasons no leather or plastic sole shoes must be worn in the school building or in yard as they are too slippy on the floors and the yard surface. Please ensure your child has a good grip sole on their shoes or trainers. Rubber soles are ideal for school.



## Laethanta Saoire Na Bliana 2020-2021/School Closures 2020-2021



### Laethanta Saoire go dtí Meitheamh 2021

*School Holidays until June 2021*

*Ath-oscailt na scoile  
School Re-opening  
Scoil dúnta- school closed  
Briseadh meántearma:  
Fómhair 2020  
Mid- term:*

*27ú Lúnasa 2020  
27<sup>th</sup> August 2020  
5ú Deireadh Fómhair - 5<sup>th</sup> October  
26ú Deireadh Fómhair - 30ú Deireadh  
26<sup>h</sup> October - 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020*

*Scoil dúnta-school closed  
Laethanta saoire na Nollag:  
Christmas Holidays:*

*7ú Nollaig -7<sup>th</sup> December  
23ú Nollaig - 5u Eanáir 2021  
23<sup>rd</sup> December - 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021*

*Briseadh meántearma:  
Mid-term:*

*18ú-19ú Feabhra 2021  
18<sup>h</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021*

*Lá 'le Pádraig  
St. Patrick's Day:*

*17ú Márta 2020  
17<sup>th</sup> March 2020*

*Saoire na Cásca:  
Easter Holidays:*

*29ú Márta - 9ú Aibreán 2021  
29<sup>th</sup> March - 9<sup>th</sup> April 2021*

*Lá Saoire Baine :  
Bank Holiday:*

*3ú & 4ú Bealtaine 2021  
3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021*

*Lá Saoire Baine :  
Bank Holiday:  
Scoil dúnta -school closed  
Laethanta Saoire:  
Summer Holidays:*

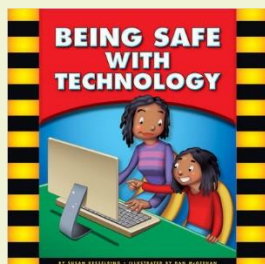
*7ú - 11ú Meitheamh 2021  
7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021  
30 Meitheamh 2021  
30<sup>th</sup> June 2021*



## Suíomh Idirlíon & Facebook / Website and Facebook



When contacting the school please phone the office on 01 8622275 or alternatively email us at [eolas@gael scoilbhailemunna.ie](mailto:eolas@gael scoilbhailemunna.ie) or [runai@gael scoilbhailemunna.ie](mailto:runai@gael scoilbhailemunna.ie). We do not use facebook messenger anymore.



## Cyber Safety for your child

Please take some time to visit the link below.

<https://www.rte.ie/news/ireland/2020/0910/1164301-cyber-safe-report/>

The main point of referral from the department of education is [www.webwise.ie](http://www.webwise.ie) Schools would generally use this as the best and most reliable source of advice. We ask that all parents have a look at it and implement the advice there. It is a very valuable resource with video tutorials, apps explained and much more.

## Educational Website for children

Helpmykidlearn.ie is a great website and can benefit your child's learning.

[www.gaeloideachas.ie](http://www.gaeloideachas.ie) is a fantastic website for Parents of pupils attending a Gaelscoil. Resources are available in both Gaeilge & Béarla.



Tá na postaí os cionn ar taispeáint sna ranganna agus timpeall an scoil. The above posters are displayed in classrooms and hallways reminding us all of the importance of good hygiene practices.

We really appreciate your co-operation in helping us implement the new restrictions and guidelines in our school.

I know some of you have missed visiting your child's new class especially our Junior Infant parents who have not been inside our fantastic new school, so with that in mind we have taken some pictures of the school, classrooms and yard for you to see.













Táimid ag fanacht in ár  
Pods féin/ We are  
staying in our own Pods.  
It's cool to be in school!





# Fáilte romhaibh Naíonáin Bheaga 2020



Tá sé go deas sibh a fheiceáil!



Welcome Junior  
Infants it's great to  
see you all!







## Cotaí/ Coats

Please ensure your child has a **coat/jacket** with them every day, they will also need a hat as they will be outside in cold weather and remember to label all uniforms, coats and jackets clearly with their name and class on them. School uniforms are available from Lynch's of Marino.



If you have a new phone number please make sure to notify the school as it is really important the numbers given are accessible and any person written on the information forms are aware their number has been given.

Parents/Gaurdians must be contactable in case of emergency. Please return your child's Foirn Eigeandála/ Emergency Contact form to Michelle at [runai@gaeliscoilbhailmunna.ie](mailto:runai@gaeliscoilbhailmunna.ie)

Due to COVID guidelines, we cannot accept any paper copies of forms or notes etc. If your child is absent from school please ensure you send a brief note in email to your child's class teacher.



For further information, please visit  
[www.hse.ie](http://www.hse.ie) for the latest updates.

Isolation quick guide -  
applying to those aged greater than  
3 months and up to 12th birthday  
V1.2 14.05.2020

COVID-19 symptoms: Fever more than or equal to 38.0°C or new cough or shortness of breath or  
anosmia, dysgeusia or ageusia\*

Self-isolation means staying indoors and completely avoiding contact with other people. This  
includes other people in your household, as much as possible. It applies to people with proven or  
suspected COVID-19.

Restricting movement means avoiding contact with other people and social situations as much as  
possible. It applies to those who are without symptoms but considered at higher risk of developing  
COVID-19 because they were exposed to a particular risk.

Condition	Person	Others
1 Proven COVID-19	Self-isolate for 10 days with last 5 days without a fever	Close contacts: restrict movements for 14 days (after last contact with case)
2 COVID-19 symptoms, not tested	Self-isolate for 10 days with last 5 days without a fever	Close contacts: restrict movements for 14 days
3 COVID-19 symptoms awaiting test (this includes persons with samples reported as indefinite/negative such time as repeat test is available or it has been determined that COVID-19 has been excluded on other grounds)	Self-isolate pending test result	Members of the household restrict movements pending test results
4 COVID-19 symptoms test result: "Not Detected"	Follow medical advice. Restrict movement until 48 hours symptom free	Restrictions no longer needed
5 Some medical symptoms that may be COVID-19 related and awaiting medical assessment that day to determine if testing is required	Self-isolate pending assessment	No restrictions until medical assessment offers further direction
6 No symptoms. Close contact of proven case	Restrict movements for 14 days, testing as advised	No restrictions
7 Runny nose or other minor symptoms and "left form", no fever equal to or greater than 38.0°C, no cough, no shortness of breath. Close contact of proven case OR travel to non "Green List" country	Assessment and testing advised. Self-isolate pending assessment of symptoms. N.B. Movements should be restricted for 14 days due to close contact/travel to non "Green List" country	Members of the household restrict movements pending assessment
8 Runny nose or other minor symptoms and "left form", no fever equal to or greater than 38.0°C, no cough, no shortness of breath AND 11 household contacts with COVID-19 symptoms	Assessment and testing advised. Self-isolate pending assessment of symptoms	Members of the household restrict movements pending assessment
9 Runny nose or other minor symptoms and "left form", no fever equal to or greater than 38.0°C, no cough, no shortness of breath, and NO 11 contacts or history of travel	Keep home from school or childcare for a period of 48 hours to observe emerging condition	No restrictions
10 Runny nose, runny nose, good form, good energy and normal appetite, no fever, not requiring paracetamol, ibuprofen or any other analgesic	Can go to school	No restrictions
11 Travel from non "Green List" country	Restrict movements for 14 days. If develops symptoms self-isolate and test for COVID-19	No restrictions unless the person who has returned develops symptoms

\*Loss of sense of smell, or loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste.  
HSE Health Protection Surveillance Centre [www.hpsc.ie](http://www.hpsc.ie)

Iarraimid oraibh go léir bhur  
gcúpla focal a úsáid i gcónaí le  
bhur dtoil.

We wish to encourage all  
parents/guardians to use  
whatever Irish they may have at  
all times while dropping your  
child to school please!

Dia dhuit....hello

Slán....goodbye

Mála lón...lunch bag

Cóta.....coat

Háta...hat

Múinteoir.... teacher

Briseadh meán téarma...

midterm break

Chéad Chomaoineach -First Holy  
Communion

Eadaí Scoile.....School  
uniform

These are very simple phrases that  
we like you all to use when possible!

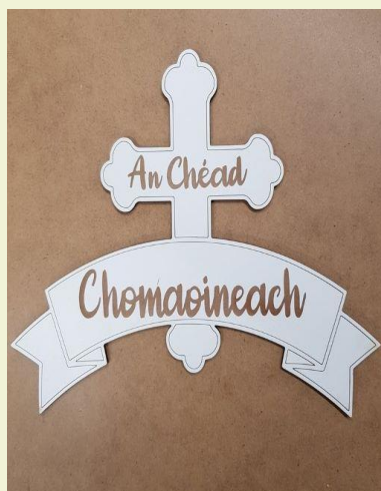
Click on the link [Useful Phrases.docx](#) for  
more helpful phrases.

Labhair i nGaeilge-Speak in  
Irish

A thuismitheoirí,

Once Dublin entered level  
three on Saturday morning,  
all communions were deferred until  
a later date. I contacted our priest,  
Fr. Éamann to see if we could have  
a ceremony in our school hall with  
just the pupils, but he informed me  
that the Arch Diocese is not  
allowing this arrangement. The  
only option is to get another date  
for the ceremony once Dublin exits  
level three. Fr. Éamann will make  
himself available as quickly as  
possible once this happens. I will  
keep you informed of any  
developments.

Le gach dea ghúí, Ray



Rothar agus glás/ Bikes and  
locks if you intend to allow  
your child to cycle or use a  
scooter to school, please  
ensure that they have a lock  
and key.





## Páirceail/ Parking

Please remember the school car park is strictly, for staff only, please do not park there when collecting children from school.

As the safety of your children is our main priority, we would appreciate your continued co-operation in relation to parking and driving near the school grounds. There are ample parking spaces around by the park in Coultry so **I would urge you to please refrain from blocking any of our neighbour's driveways.** Please do not park directly in the area where our lollipop lady Karen is situated. Parking and reversing in this area is extremely dangerous. Go raibh maith agaibh!



### Home School Liason Teacher/ Múinteoir Scoil Bhaile

Our HSCL Múinteoir Alison will be here to offer support and guidance to parents/gaurdians. In her role as HSCL, she will work to strengthen the existing link between home, school and the Ballymun community. She will be in the school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays you can contact her on her mobile at [0858603363](tel:0858603363)



## Meán Scoil/ Secondary School

Please note there are deadlines for applications to all Secondary Schools. Please contact the individual schools for more information. Go raibh maith agaibh!



**Billí Leabhair/Book money**  
for this school year 2020-2021

is now due, please be aware  
the book money is now  
payable online at

[www.databizsolutions.ie](http://www.databizsolutions.ie)

Thank you to all the  
parents/gaurdians who  
have paid already.

Go raibh míle maith  
agaibh!



Lónta Rogha nua.

New lunch choices.

New parents/gaurdians will have recently  
received their child's registration form for  
Glanmore Foods. Once registered you will be  
able to make changes to your child's lunch  
menu online.

[www.glanmorefoods.ie](http://www.glanmorefoods.ie)

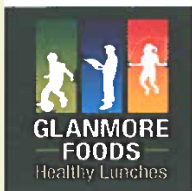


Please be aware we have a  
healthy eating policy in school if  
you have already ordered a  
school lunch there is no need to  
give the páistí an extra lunch.  
Milk and water are provided.  
Yogurt drinks can be quite  
messy especially for the  
younger children so if possible  
please avoid these.



Please see below a letter from  
Glanmore foods:





National **Q Mark** Winner 2013, 2014, 2016 & 2018  
for Hygiene & Food Safety

*"Our Quality Standards Are The Best In The Business"*



14<sup>th</sup> Sept2020

**Subject: Covid-19 Coronavirus**

Dear Principal,

In preparation for the safe return to school we want to assure you that the management of Glanmore Foods have been busy over the summer ensuring that our premises, suppliers, production methods and most importantly all of our staff are ready for the challenges posed by COVID-19.

I have set out below some important information to put your mind at ease.

- All advice and recommendations from Food Safety Authority of Ireland have been applied to our business.
- All staff have received the relevant COVID-19 training before returning to work at the end of August.
- We have approx. 100 staff onsite in our factory which is 38,000 sq. feet. This ensures that social distancing is achievable. The ceilings in each room are 15ft high. Staff will work in pods of 6 people on average (people who live together or travel together will work together)
- All staff will wear face shields, masks and gloves throughout the production and packing.
- All Drivers have been trained and supplied with sanitizer, gloves, face shield and face masks. Vans are deep cleaned onsite weekly with the appropriate anti-bacterial materials supplied.
- All baskets returned to the factory will receive anti-bacterial cleaning before being returned to production.
- In the short term we will not be able to accommodate any Fruit Pot's on the menu as they are made by hand and this would make social distancing unachievable.

As a food business with the highest Standard for Hygiene & Food Safety, as independently certified by Excellence Ireland Quality Association, we take food safety to the next level. Should you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact us. All of the measures in place in our production facility are to ensure continuity of delivery to our schools throughout this difficult time.

Kind regards

Vivian Powney

Business Development Manager



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