



Coláiste Dún Iascaigh

Bothar Caisil, An Chathair, Co. Thiobraid Árann

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

28th August

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It is with great pleasure that we write to you regarding the return to school of your child and their new beginning in Coláiste Dún Iascaigh. We will be delighted to see all our new faces on Monday. Whilst we want to maintain as much normality as possible, there will be some adjustments made to the normal running of a school as outlined in the previous correspondence.

Updates regarding 1st Year Students

Class groups and Area

- First year students have been divided into 6 class groups with the maximum of 24 students in each class which allows for physical distancing to be maintained as per guidelines.
- The first year classes are base classes so the students will not have to move class other than for their practical subjects, PE and one Science class.
- The first year group have their own area where students from other year groups are not permitted to enter during breaktimes (with the exception of Mentor students).

Support

- Each first year group will be mentored and supported by 3 older students to help in their transition to Coláiste Dún Iascaigh.
- On induction day you will be met by your teachers, principals, mentors and your year head Mr Paul Ryan to welcome you to the school.

Dates of Return

- The induction days for first year are:
 - Monday 31st August – 8.50-3.45 (only year group in the school)
 - Thursday 3rd September – 8.50-1.05 (with 2nd years)

Books

Thank you for collecting your books.

Subject Options

All students got their subject preferences except for Spanish for some. One of our Spanish teachers has retired, and we were not able to recruit a replacement. It was for this reasons that we asked students first to opt for a modern foreign language and then to rank them in order of preference.

What will first year students need on their first day?

- Packed lunch, snack and a drink
- Pen and a copy
- Electronic device (phone or tablet or both)

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- 2 spare masks
- Students should wear their uniform on Monday 31st August (for official photographs) and their PE uniform on Thursday 3rd September (for activities).
- Raincoat

Entrance

First year students will be met at the school entrance and the bus stop. Unlike last year I'm afraid, parents will not be able to join their child on their first day.

How can I help my child prepare for induction day?

- **Digital Support / ICT**

All first-year students should have received a school email and password issued by the school (should you have any difficulty with the password please email either Mr Delahunty or Ms Tarrant and a new password will be issued via text to you)

Please ensure that your child's device has the following applications downloaded before their Induction Day:

- Microsoft Teams
- Microsoft One Note
- Microsoft Outlook
- Microsoft One Drive

Students can access their files on up to five different devices. It is essential however that students have these apps on whichever device that they have in school.

- **Photographs**

In preparation for the school year can you please forward a photograph (shoulders up) of your child dressed in their school uniform to starrant@tipperaryetb.ie. Note: Please take the photo in front of a white background where possible.

Covid update

Due to the emergence of a potential Covid-19 cluster in Cahir, please note if a student in the school is living with someone who has either tested positive or is a close contact of someone who has tested positive, they also need to self-isolate for 14 days. Please note if you are awaiting Covid-19 testing or results, not present to CDI in the interest of the safety of the school community.

We are really looking forward to seeing you. If you have any further queries, please feel free to contact the Yearhead pryan_2@tipperaryetb.ie.

Yours sincerely,

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