



# Coláiste Dún Iascaigh

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The first month of the school year has been completed and everyone is starting to settle back into the new routines of school life. It has been a challenge for everyone, and this is going to continue as we all adjust to our present circumstances. Your continued patience and co-operation will help ensure school continues to remain a safe and healthy environment for teaching and learning to flourish.

Please take some time to read the following information:

## **VShare App:**

The school has purchased additional features for our management information system that can be utilised by you from your mobile phones. After downloading the VShare App you can gain access to your son/daughters VShare profile on our school databases. The key features will be access to:

- Student Timetable
- Attendance Data
- Permission to leave school requests
- Absences Returns
- Behaviour Updates
- Term Reports

You can download the App from your normal playstore (android or IOS based) and you can log on using your existing username and password for VShare.

All notifications from school will now go through this App and text messages from school will be significantly reduced.

The VShare app will shortly allow users to request permission for your son/daughter to be collected from school and for submitting reasons for your son/daughter being absent from school. This feature is now visible on the online version which is best accessed using chrome. This will be a very valuable feature going forward, but it very much based on trust and it would be better if students did not have access to this.

There will now be no need to send in paper records or emails explaining absences. This can all be done through VShare and when school (Year Heads) approves all requests for students to be collected from school and explanations of absences for students their attendance data will be automatically updated on their attendance profile tab.

- [Parent-app-downloading-and-logging-in](#)
- [Parent-app-dashboard](#)
- [Parent-app-attendance](#)
- [Parent-app-assessment-notes](#)
- [Parent-app-notes-behaviour](#)

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## Exams:

6<sup>th</sup> Year students will have 2-hour subject exams timetabled in November to assess progress to date. Our 6<sup>th</sup> years are working very hard and it is important to reassure them that if they work consistently throughout the year they will be rewarded. Some 6<sup>th</sup> years are worried about predicted grades taking place this year. While anything is possible it is very unlikely that teachers will engage with this process again.

Exams will also be set before Christmas for all other year groups. As only a maximum of 50 students can be seated in school gym for exams due to Covid 19 Guidelines all normal procedures for holding of in-house exams must be altered.

## Parent Teacher Meetings:

Guidance will issue shortly on P/T meetings, but the expectation is that they will be cancelled in their traditional formats due to Covid 19. This will require other forms of communications being used to maintain links between parents/guardians and teachers.

## Leaving Certificate Results 2020:

As further controversy surrounds the Leaving Cert results for this year the Coláiste is very proud of the results our students received. Our teachers spent many hours engaging with the predicted grade process, and we were delighted to see three students score over 600 points with a further 10 students over 500 points out of 102 students. College places in dentistry, primary teaching, engineering, nursing and many more have been secured by the class of 2020. We are equally as proud of our students who have gone directly to employment or have secured places on very good apprenticeships programmes. While results nationally were up about 4% our students result continued the trend of recent years where higher percentages of our students are scoring over 400 points.

## After School Study:

This has started for 6<sup>th</sup> years and the centre is now full. After mid-term, the school will look at offering a second centre for 5<sup>th</sup> years and 3<sup>rd</sup> years.

## Studyclix:

Please ask your son/daughter if they have downloaded studyclix. This is a fantastic aid for students and the school paid €10 per student for this product. It can be used by all year groups. Sign up information has been sent to all students through MS-Teams. There are lots of interesting videos and notes to assist with the learning of topics being covered in class.

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<https://www.studyclix.ie/>

## Career Guidance:

All 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> years have access to careers portal which is available by clicking on the link on our school webpage. Our careers team will be using this while working with these year groups. Students can schedule meetings with our career guidance teachers through MS. Teams

[Careersportal](#)

## Friendship Week: 5<sup>th</sup> October

Next week the school will be running different activities for friendship week. Lessons will be presented each morning dealing with issues such as bullying, and students will be receiving positive notes and thoughts for each day. Our annual "Walk in my Shoe's day" will be held on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> October. World mental health day is the 10<sup>th</sup> of October and we encourage all students to attend the school in odd shoes and socks. Dr. Maureen Griffin has been booked to present a talk to 1<sup>st</sup> years on "Internet Safety". These presentations have been very beneficial to students in previous years. 9<sup>th</sup> of November.

Speakers have been arranged later in the year for our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> years and our Junior Cycle SPHE teachers are following all the appropriate lessons as we return to full time education. Our mentors are doing their best to link in with their 1<sup>st</sup> year students in challenging times.

[Dr. Maureen Griffin Resources for parents/guardians](#)

## Team Sports:

Clear guidance is still not available on the return of interschool competitions in gaelic games, soccer and basketball. Training has resumed afterschool for teams in anticipation of a return to competitions.

Releasing teachers to attend games this year may also need to be restricted due to Covid implications on the day to day running of our school. Buses leaving the school during the day can only operate at half capacity so all panel members may not be able to travel to games. (Ironic as School transport is running at full capacity to and from school)

It was great to see over 40 boys and 30 girls out training for hurling this Thursday with equal numbers out training for Gaelic football on Tuesday. Our staff are great to volunteer their time to do these afterschool activities and we thank them on your behalf.

## 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Activities:

As part of our Wellbeing Programme the last hour on Friday for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> years is broken down into several different activities which students attend. Students opted for activities such as:

- Gaelic Football
- Badminton

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- Basketball
- Chess
- Foodology
- Film Club
- Art Club

These activities bring a great energy and excitement to our school each Friday.

## School Closure Day:

The school will be closed on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October for a staff training day. This is being used to complete our remote learning plan if the school must move to blended learning in the coming months. Once completed this will be shared with students and parents.

## New Parents:

If you are a new parent to Coláiste Dún Iascaigh, please feel free to make contact if you have any queries regarding your child and their transition into first year.

## REMINDERS

### School Uniform:

Students can wear the standard school uniform or their PE uniform on a given day in school. Combinations of both are not allowed. Warm jackets may be worn as windows in classrooms have to be left open to allow for adequate ventilation. (heating will be switched on at low temperatures) Facial piercings are not allowed and students who following warnings continue to come to school with nose piercings, hooped earrings and multiple earrings are in breach of our code.

### School Canteen:

A reminder to parents that the school canteen is operating a cashless pre order and prepaid system. CASH payment options may begin shortly for students. Orders can be given in the morning to Tara outside the canteen in front of the marquees.

### Marquees:

2 large marquees are operational in the school grounds. The installation of these marquees ensures that students can access our outdoor areas, even during periods of inclement weather, and will ease the pressure on classrooms during break times. As we approach more changeable weather patterns, it is important that all students bring a warm waterproof coat to school.

Student can only sit in groups of four while in the marquee and they must put their masks back on once food is eaten. Since the introduction of split lunches four-year groups have access to the marquee.

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## School Car Park and Roundabout:

Please note the school car park is for staff only. Parents are asked not to drive into the school grounds when dropping and collecting students in the mornings and afternoons. Students who drive to school must leave their cars outside the school grounds. We would appreciate your full cooperation with this please. Equally Parents are asked not to drop off students at the roundabout due to a safety concern. Please drop students off in front of the main school in either pull in lanes.

## Mobile Phones:

Mobile phones must be turned off and out of sight, except during class where teachers give permission for their use. If students are using their mobile phones in between classes, for example, in the bathrooms or in the corridors, the phones will be confiscated, placed in a labelled envelope, handed to the office and will only be returned to student at the end of the school day.

## Parents/Visitors to the School:

Please note parents and visitors can **only** enter the school by prior appointment. No unplanned visits or entry to the school are permitted under the protocols for all schools. We are still, however, receiving several parents who are calling to the school without a prior arrangement. To minimise the number of unplanned visits please contact the office by phone or email with any of your queries. All visitors must wear a face covering.

For students who become sick during the school day and need to go home, they must get the permission from their subject teacher to come to the school office and our office staff will contact home. **Students are not allowed to use their mobile phones to contact parents directly.** We would ask you as Parents to discuss and support this practice with your child.

## Some Important Email Addresses:

### Principal:

[pcreedon@tipperaryetb.ie](mailto:pcreedon@tipperaryetb.ie)

### Year Heads:

- 1<sup>st</sup> [pryan@tipperaryetb.ie](mailto:pryan@tipperaryetb.ie)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> [sobrien@tipperaryetb.ie](mailto:sobrien@tipperaryetb.ie)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> [aquin@tipperaryetb.ie](mailto:aquin@tipperaryetb.ie)
- TY [amulcahy@tipperaryetb.ie](mailto:amulcahy@tipperaryetb.ie)
- 5<sup>th</sup> [nbarry@tipperaryetb.ie](mailto:nbarry@tipperaryetb.ie)
- 6<sup>th</sup> [cshanahan@tipperaryetb.ie](mailto:cshanahan@tipperaryetb.ie)

All issues relating to the routine day to day matters of school life should go first to your son/daughter's year head

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## Deputy Principal:

Ms. Sinead Tarrant Deputy Principal will be responsible for our Junior Students and Mr. Darius Delahunty Deputy Principal will be responsible for our Senior Students

- [starrant@tipperaryetb.ie](mailto:starrant@tipperaryetb.ie)
- [ddelahunty@tipperaryetb.ie](mailto:ddelahunty@tipperaryetb.ie)

The school Principal or Deputy Principal's will be available for scheduled meetings **only** on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 4pm to 5pm

## Career Guidance:

- [Slanders@tipperaryetb.ie](mailto:Slanders@tipperaryetb.ie)
- [Eoleary@tipperaryetb.ie](mailto:Eoleary@tipperaryetb.ie)

## Special Education Needs Co-ordinator:

- [Mlittle@tipperaryetb.ie](mailto:Mlittle@tipperaryetb.ie)

## ASD Lead Teachers:

- [Jshortall@tipperaryetb.ie](mailto:Jshortall@tipperaryetb.ie)
- [dmullins@tipperaryetb.ie](mailto:dmullins@tipperaryetb.ie)

## School Chaplain:

- [Jwade@tipperaryetb.ie](mailto:Jwade@tipperaryetb.ie)

## School Nurse:

- [Cberry@tipperaryetb.ie](mailto:Cberry@tipperaryetb.ie) **PHONE NUMBER: 083-8367529**

## School study co-ordinator:

- [Alohan@tipperaryetb.ie](mailto:Alohan@tipperaryetb.ie)

## Teaching and Learning Co-ordinator

- [Cbrennan@tipperaryetb.ie](mailto:Cbrennan@tipperaryetb.ie)

Email addresses are all lower case.

## Student Collection

The school requests that students should be collected at 11am or 1pm. This allows for a much smoother running of the school day.

Please now use our VSware App or online chrome version of Vsware to obtain approval for your son/daughter to leave school and when approaching the school ring the office (052-7442828)

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Your son/daughter can go to the front office to be collected at this time and they should confirm with office staff that phonecall in has been made before leaving school premises.

## HSE Updates:

HSE have informed all schools that accurate seating plans must be available if requested by HSE contact tracing team. They also very much focus in on who students sit with during break and lunchtime. It is the HSE who will decide what actions a school should take if there is a confirmed case or cases in the school. Please again talk to your son/daughter about the importance of:

1. Hand Hygiene
2. Social Distancing particularly at break and lunch times
3. Cough etiquette
4. Proper wearing of masks in school and on any school transport

Our students have been excellent so far, but we cannot become complacent during this public health crises.

## Key Message:

**Students must not be sent to school if anyone in a household or a very close contact has been sent for a Covid test and is waiting for test results.**

These are also the guidelines being followed by staff in the Coláiste and teachers have had to remain at home when members of their households were sent for Covid Test.

## School Nurse/Isolation Room:

The school has a nurse available to take calls from parents/guardians between 8am and 9am every morning. This number can be used if you are looking for advice.

Caitriona Berry will take responsibility for our isolation room if anyone displays flu or Covid like symptoms during the day. The isolation room is to the rear of the school.

***It is essential, that parents/guardians are contactable during the school day as any student who displays flu or Covid symptoms will have to be collected immediately.***

## The procedures will be:

- Student brought to isolation room
- Parent/Guardian contacted to collect student by school nurse/office staff
- When parent/guardian arrives to school you will ring the mobile number below and then you will be advised where to go
- Parent/Guardian advised to contact GP and follow their recommendations



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