



# *St. Brigid's Girls' National School*

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope that everyone is well. I have three important pieces of information this week. We are still awaiting guidance for September so hopefully we will get that in the coming week but for now we are working with what we have for August 31<sup>st</sup>.

1. School reports were posted on Thurs 11<sup>th</sup>, post can be slow at the moment so some houses may have received their reports and some may get them Monday or Tuesday so I'll ask for some patience. Along with the report you will have received the booklists, next year's calendar (subject to change) and a consent form asking for an email address and consent to use and store these emails on Aladdin for communication.

\*\*\*School Calendar- there is a small error on this. St Brigid's will close on **Tuesday 22nd December**, not Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> so you might change that on your copy. Correct one will be put up on website in next couple of days.

\*\*\*Consent forms can be posted back to school or bring them down next week on the 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>, the sooner we get them back the better.

2. Book Collection will go ahead on Tues 16<sup>th</sup> (Junior Infants-2<sup>nd</sup> Class) and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>). 6<sup>th</sup> Class will take place on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> to allow for collection of yearbooks.

We hope that this will happen in the yard, weather permitting. This is to allow the return of the children's belongings and the return of all book rental books and library books. I ask that **only adults come** down to collect/drop off the books. This is not an opportunity to see and talk to the teachers, it is simply a pick up and drop off the books and exit the yard. Please read carefully the points below.

- The children's books will be in bags, labelled and on tables in alphabetical order.
- Cones will be on the ground to encourage social distance on the yard.
- Please return rental books/library books/anything belonging to school in a bag, clearly labelled.
- When you reach the table please pick up your child's bag and put the returned books, in bag, *on the ground under the table*.
- Please put Aladdin Connect consent form in labelled box on the red yard.
- Please exit the yard without getting into groups/conversations.
- The belongings of sister's in different classes will all be placed with the **youngest class** (except for 6<sup>th</sup>) so if you have a child in junior infants, 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, all three girl's belongings will be collected in the junior infant slot. You will only need to come once to the school.
- Remember it is adults only to the school on these days.

If the weather does not allow this to happen on the yard, Plan B is to have it in the hall. A one way system will be introduced and only ten parents/guardians will be allowed in the hall at any one time so you may need to be patient.

### **Timetable for the 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Tues 16th**

9.30-10.00 Junior Infants  
 10.15-10.45 Senior Infants  
 11.00-11.30 1st Class  
 11.45-12.15- 2nd class

#### **Wed 17th**

9.30-10.00 -4th class  
 10.15-10.45- 3rd class  
 11.00-11.30 5th Class

### **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>      6<sup>th</sup> class only      Adults only**

Ms O'Sullivan 9.30-10.00

Ms Hession 10.15-10.45.

### 3. Aladdin Connect

As you will know from consent form you received alongside the report we are going to set up Aladdin Connect. This is an app that you will have to download to your phones. It will allow the school to communicate through the app and will reduce the amount of notes we send home. This is great for us a Green School. It will allow for easier communication between home and school. Once set up it will also allow you to make payments to the school through the app, for booklists, school tours etc. and will take away the need to send money into the school. It will also allow you to pay in instalments if needed.

In the coming weeks, you will **receive a text/email message** containing your **registration link**. There will be one link per parent which will allow the parent to access information for all their children in the school from one user account. Please do not forward this text/email or share this link as this is a unique registration code for each parent for your child/children in this school. During registration you will choose a password that will be used in conjunction with your email address to securely access the Aladdin Connect going forward. Once you are registered you will be sent an email with links to download the Aladdin Connect App for your mobile device. The main advantage of using the App is to receive immediate alerts for app messages sent by your school. Downloading the App is highly recommended to enhance both the parent and school's Connect experience. There is also a desktop version that can be used. Like all Apps please take care with privacy settings when setting up your account.

**In preparation for this please let the school know if your email address or phone number has changed recently.**

*N.B. Please note: Where both parents/guardians are listed with the school, both will receive a registration link. If there are any legal provisions in place regarding giving access to Connect to any parent/guardian of your child please contact the school in confidence to discuss or restrict access as*

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*required by Fri, June 19<sup>th</sup>.*

We hope that you enjoy using Aladdin Connect. Your class teacher, the secretary or I will welcome any feedback or questions you may have.

A lot of information there today, please let me know if there are any questions or queries.

V. Ferguson