



Dear Parent Guardian

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. The key features will be access to:

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

We will have a launch date for you soon and 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.



Updates to Response Plan

Appointments

- In order to minimise contact with persons outside of school staff/students, parents are asked to arrange appointments for their son/daughter for out of school hours. There is no signout facility this year and students/parents may not go to the school office as before. If it is impossible to arrange an appointment for out of school hours, students can leave/enter the building between 12pm and 12.30pm only. Parents will inform the School/ Year Head at least 24 hours in advance of the appointment. Parents will contact the office by phone from the car park to advise of their arrival and the student will then leave class/enter the school. Students will leave/enter once only.

Unwell students

- Students who are unwell for any reason in the morning should not attend school that day as there is no facility in the school to care for students who feel unwell and the school must minimise contact with persons outside of staff/students.

Visitors to School Building

- Parents may not drop off items forgotten by their son/daughter during the day.
- Access by visitors to the school during the day is by prior arrangement only. Visitors will be received at the main entrance by the secretary/principal/deputy principal; other staff members should not grant visitors access to the building.

[Scoil Ruáin Response Plan COVID 19 \(2\)](#)

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. Progression reports on vsware are currently being explored.



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Exams:

This year all Christmas assessments will take place during class time. Our 6th 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 6th 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.

Calendar:

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic we have not issued a calendar to parents and students this year. There have been many changes and postponements until the new year. Please note the following key dates

October

Wednesday 21st October

School closed for Staff Remote & Distance Training

Friday 23rd October

*Scoil Ruain Wellbeing 5K Run/walk @ 11am (TBC)

Friday 23rd October

School finishes for mid-term break

November

Monday 2nd November

School re-opens after mid-term break

25th November to 3rd December

Term Assessment (In Class)

December

Monday Dec 7th

School closed.

Monday 14th December

Christmas Reports all years

Friday 11th – Friday 18th December

Christmas Market TBC

Thursday 17th December

Staff Meeting & Workshops 4.15 – 5.45

Tuesday 22nd December

Christmas Holidays @ 12.00pm

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Studyclix:

To support online and blended learning Scoil Ruáin has purchased a subscription to Studyclix for all students and teachers. This is a fantastic aid for students, and it can be used by all year groups. There are lots of interesting videos and notes to assist with the learning of topics being covered in class.

<https://www.scoilruain.ie/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2020/10/Letter-for-Parents-Scoil-Rua%CC%81in.pdf>

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.

Contacting the School

Please note the following contact information for direct communication with some staff.

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I hope you have found these updates informative and if you have queries or concerns please contact the school.

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