

# SCOIL BHRÍDE

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Hope this note finds you well as we approach mid-term.

## **CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL**

This year, once again, our school is supporting Team Hope's Christmas Shoebox Appeal. This is an annual campaign where thousands of individuals in Ireland donate shoeboxes filled with gifts to be given to children affected by poverty in Africa or Eastern Europe. It is an opportunity to help those less fortunate and to share a little joy and excitement with them. This year, due to the effects of Covid-19 restrictions, the Christmas Shoebox Appeal has gone online. To make a virtual box of your own with your child you can visit [www.Teamhope.ie](http://www.Teamhope.ie) They are also accepting online donations.

## **COVID-19 SCHOOL PROCEDURE**

We have had a safe and happy half term back in school. Once again, thank you parents for your support, the children have been extremely co-operative in adhering to the new procedures. The Board of Management wish to communicate the procedure which will be followed **in the event of a positive Covid case in our school, it is as follows:**

The HSE will make contact with the school to collect information on the pupils in the pods in the effected classroom, and the names and contact details of teachers/SNA's in the room.

In the event that this happens the BOM has directed that the whole class, not just the affected pod, will be required to stay at home, including the class teacher/Resource Teacher and SNA (where applicable). Siblings of a confirmed case will also stay at home.

The HSE will advise the school on what needs to be done and they will also contact parents directly. Provision of safety for all staff and pupils is the Board's highest priority. Confidentiality, as outlined by the HSE, will be observed at all times.

## **HALLOWE'EN SAFETY**

The children have been learning all about Hallowe'en in school, the Religious significance of this holiday and also about Hallowe'en customs and


traditions. They have also been reminded to play safely. We hope they have a lovely break despite the fact it will be somewhat different this year.

The school will close next week for mid-term and will re-open on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 9.20 a.m.** The children are welcome to wear their Hallowe'en costumes into school on Friday, if they so wish.

I hope you all have a safe and happy mid-term.

Slán agus beannacht.

Yours sincerely,

 (Principal)  
Mary Rohan.