**Scoil Bhríde**

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16th November 2022

*Dear Parents/Guardians*

**Drumming**

**A 4-week course of drumming classes for all pupils with a specialist instructor started on November 7th.** To cover the cost a payment of 8 Euro will be needed from each pupil. This can be paid online or by cash. Thank you.

**Swimming**

**A six-week course of swimming classes in K-Leisure Athy for 5th class begins on November 9th. Payment of 50 Euro from each 5th class pupil is now due. Thank you.**

A six-week course of swimming in K-Leisure Athy for all other senior classes will start as follows:

4th class – February 22nd 2023

3rd class – April 26th 2023

**Child collection and Child Protection**

If someone other than parents/guardians are collecting a child from school, parents/guardians must inform the school with plenty of notice by note, email or phone call.

**Earrings, Piercing and Jewelry etc.**

School policy regarding the wearing of earrings, piercing and jewelry been devised to minimize the risk of accident, injury or infection during school activities (particularly breaktimes on smaller fenced in yard space during the Winter months).

As a general ‘rule of thumb’ items that are a potential danger to oneself / another child, should not be worn to school (for example: small or large hoop earrings

**Examples of items/styles that may be worn include:**

* Watches (best not on swimming days – to avoid loss or damage)
* Plain stud earrings – one per ear (to be removed by pupil and stored by pupil during sport activities)
* Simple hair ties, clips or band.
* Any item required to highlight a certain medical condition e.g. medic alert bracelets

**Examples of items/styles that pose a risk and should not be worn include:**

* Rings of any description
* Necklaces, ‘chokers’
* Pendants, crosses & chains
* Elaborate hair decorations with sharp points
* Bracelets
* Body piercing
* Earrings – other than plain studs
* False nails

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* School Book Fair – **Spring 2023; risk assessment pending**
* The Parish office wishes to inform you that Communion for families with children in 2nd class will be May 13th 2023 @ 11:30am in Nurney Church
* The Parish office wishes to inform you that Confirmation for families with children in 6th class will be March 25th @ 12 midday in Nurney Church

***Wednesday Note and school information also available***

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***Thank you for your co-operation with the above.***

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