



# Coláiste Naomh Bricín

## St. Bricin's College

*Aim, Achieve, Believe*

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Dear Parent/ Guardian

Firstly, on a personal note, I wish to thank everyone who have welcomed me to the St Bricin's community and look forward to working with you all over the coming months and years.

As we draw towards the mid-term break, there a few points that we would like to draw to your attention. The first few weeks have been busy and constructive with students taking part in a wide and varied range of activities, both inside and outside of the classroom. This is testament not only to the talented and enthusiastic students who attend St Bricin's College but also to the skills and generosity of our exceptional team of teachers in the school.

We take pride in the high expectations that exist in our school and wish to ensure that these expectations are met and that students comply with our positive code of behaviour at all times.

### **Punctuality**

It is widely accepted that students who are excellent attenders excel in their examinations. We have noticed a small number of students who are frequently late in the morning. A record is maintained of all students who present late for school. If a student is late on two occasions in one week, they will be listed for an early morning detention (Tuesday - 08:15 - 08:45). Failure to attend this will result in the student being listed for a Friday afternoon detention (12:45- 13:45) and could lead to suspension. The school is obliged to notify TUSLA if a child is absent for 20 days or more. We may also contact TUSLA if we feel that your son/daughter is missing too much time due to being late/ going home early.

### **Uniform**

The school uniform is clearly described and documented in the students' journal. We ask that you ensure your son/daughter has a complete uniform, including tie and black shoes. It is important to have additional items of uniform in the event that their uniform is dirty. Failure to comply with this will be considered a serious breach of the code of behaviour. It is not acceptable for students to present without the correct uniform and we appreciate that you will support us in relation to this.

### **Piercings**

Excessive piercings are a health and safety concern. Students are permitted to wear one pair of simple studs in their ears. We will be insisting that additional piercings are removed from Monday 21st October 2019. Parents will be called to collect any student who will not comply with this rule.

### **Mobile Phones**

While we accept that mobile phones are part and parcel of everyday life, we have a strict policy in relation to their use in this school. Phones should be powered-off during the day and should not be visible at any time. We have a school phone that can be used, upon request, to contact a parent or guardian if required. All communication must go through the school office. If your son/daughter is caught using their phone for any reason during the day, the phone will be confiscated and retained by the principal until 16:00 on the first occasion. Subsequent breaches of this rule will result in the phone being retained until the end of the week, when a parent will be required to collect the phone.

Again, it is important to commend and thank the vast majority of students who make St Bricin's a caring and happy learning environment. We really appreciate your support and remind you that the success of your son/daughter is a priority for the management and staff in St Bricin's College.

Yours Sincerely,

Pauric Hanlon  
Deputy Principal

**Note: Open Night takes place on Monday 21st October from 7-9pm. All Welcome**



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