



**Straffan National School**

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Dear parents,

At this stage, we are well underway in organising our 6th class trip to Gaoth Dobhair for May this year. I'm sure if you have been watching "Réalta na Gaeltachta" on RTE on Tuesday nights, you will get a real understanding of what is ahead for the children in May. It will be a great experience for the children and their final trip as students of Scoil Bhríde before they venture off to secondary school.

Just a few points to bring to your attention at this stage:

- The trip is planned for 15th-19th May, 2022 and The cost of the trip is €330 and can be payable through the School App. Closing date for receipt of payment is Friday 21st April, 2023.
- The children will leave Straffan at 9am on Monday 15th May and should be back in the school by 2.30 pm approx on Friday 19th May.
- Attached is the talk from the Information Meeting which outlines the timetable and information
- Further information can be found at [www.cgd.ie](http://www.cgd.ie).
- Please Sign and return the attached consent forms below to the school by the 20th April, 2023

To register for the tour, please complete the application form <https://forms.gle/sXNeJbJVr6DEBoyU6> on the School App

If anyone has any concerns or difficulties with the proposed trip, please let us know. As explained at the meeting, this trip is not compulsory but if children are not attending the trip, they will be expected to attend school in Scoil Bhríde while the 6th class are away.

Le gach dea ghuí,

*Mrs. Colleran, Principal*

*Ms. Brennan and Ms. Ní Ghríofa 6th class teachers*

## 1. Cad atá ag teastáil ó do pháiste

- Athrú éadaí le haghaidh gach lá agus ceann sa bhreis
- Eadaí snamha
- Sean bhrógaí reatha chun dul isteach san uisce.
- Scuab fiacail, taos fiacail, gallúnuach, seampú agus rl.
- Lóis gréine
- Cóta baistí agus cóta tirim, mála níochán, dhá tuáille
- Mala le haghaidh éadaí salach (m.s. mála plaisteach)
- Buidéal plaisteach athúsáideach le haghaidh deochanna
- Bosca lóin (le lón beag pacáilte don turas síos)
- Mála beag le haghaidh siúlóidí, buidéal, bosca lóin .rl
- Airgead póca (€30 ar a mhéid) i sparán. **Níl freagracht ag an scoil ar airgead póca na bpáistí.**
- Mála Ziploc le ainm ar le haghaidh aon earraí luachmhara (fón, iPod, ceamaraí).
- Aon leigheas (fágtha i mála Ziploc le ainm ar agus le treoracha laistigh)
- Luchtaire fóin.
- **NB: Tá cosc iomlán ar sprae díbholaíoch ach is féidir maidíní díbholaíthe a thabhairt ina háit.**
- **NB: Tá cosc iomlán ar sprae gruaige agus GHDs.**
- Má tá iPod á tógaint ag do pháiste beidh cead acu é a úsáid ar an mbus ag teacht anuas agus aníos **ar an gcéad lá agus an lá deirneach.**
- Má ta ceamara ó do pháiste molaim dóibh **ceamara indiúscartha** a thógaint leo.

Ní bheidh an scoil freagrach as aon rud a bristear, a cailltear nó a goidtear.

## 2. Rialacha an turais

Mar is eol daoibh caithfimid rialacha na scoile a chur i bhfeidhm fad is atáimid ar an turas. Déanfaimid é seo i dtreo is go mbeidh na paistí sábháilte agus go mbainfidís an méid is mó sásamh agus gur féidir leo as an turas.

Muna bhfuil páiste ag leanúint rialacha na scoile nó má bhíonn iompar an pháiste sin míshásúil cuirfidh an múinteoir glaoch agus beidh ar an tuismitheoir(i) an pháiste é nó í a phiocadh suas ón turas.

## Things your children will need on the trip.

- A change of clothes for everyday **and** an extra set
- Swimsuits
- Old runners to go into water.
- Toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc.
- Sun cream
- Raincoat and a warm coat, wash-bag, two towels
- Plastic bag for dirty clothes
- Re-usable plastic bottle for drinks
- Lunch box (**with a small snack for the journey**)
- A small schoolbag for walks, bottle, lunch-box etc.
- Pocket money (€30 **at the most**) kept in a wallet. **The school will not be held responsible for any pocket money the child may bring.**
- A labelled Ziploc bag with your child's name on it for any valuable items (phones, iPods, cameras).
- Any medicine that your child may require (left in a labelled Ziploc bag with instructions).
- Phone charger.
- **NB: Spray deodorants are not allowed. We recommend roll on deodorant instead.**
- **NB: Hairsprays and GHDs are not allowed on this trip.**
- If your child is taking an iPod with them they may use on the bus trip down **on the first day** and on the bus trip up **on the last day.**
- If your child wishes to take a camera with them I suggest that they take a **disposable camera.**

*The school is not responsible for any items that are damaged, misplaced or stolen.*

## Rules of the trip

*As you are aware the school rules must apply while we are on the school tour. This is done to ensure the children's safety and to ensure that they get the most amount of satisfaction possible from the trip.*

*If a child is not following the school rules or if the child's behaviour is unsatisfactory then a teacher will contact the parent(s) of that child and the parent(s) will have to collect that child from the tour.*

Seo leanas samplaí den saghas iompar nach bhfuil ceadaithe ar an turas.

- Ag troid go fisiciúila
- Ag déanamh bulaíocht
- Ag déanamh damáiste don bhus, an tigh nó aon ionad go bhfuilimid mar chuireoirí de
- Ag pleidhcíocht tar éis soilse amach
- Ag taispeáint droch-mheas go dtí na múinteoirí, muintir na tithe, muintir na háite nó a gcomhleacaithe
- Ag éalú ón ngrúpa d'aon ghnó
- Ag coimeád fón nó aon gluais leictreach i gceilt
- Ag tógaint pictiúirí le fón nó gluais leictreach
- Ag coimeád seomra mí-shlachtmhar
- Ag athrú seomra gan cead
- Ag goid

Le bhur dtoil, léigh an foirm thar lean. **Ní bheidh cead ag aon páiste dul ar an turas gan síniú tuismitheoir amháin agus síniú an pháiste ar an bhfoirm.**

*The following are examples of the type of behaviour that is not allowed on the school tour.*

- *Physically fighting*
- *Bullying*
- *Causing damage to the bus, a house or any establishment in that we are a guest or customer*
- *Messing after lights – out*
- *Showing disrespect towards the teachers, households, locals or colleagues*
- *Leaving the group on purpose*
- *Hiding your phone or other electrical device*
- *Taking a picture with a phone or electrical device*
- *Not keeping your room tidy*
- *Changing rooms without permission*
- *Stealing*

*Please read the form overleaf. **No child will be permitted on the tour without the signature of at least one parent and the signature of the child on the form.***

**NB:** The children will be required to hand up their phones/ electronic devices at the start of the bus journey from Straffan to Gaoth Dobhair on Monday and Gaoth Dobhair to Straffan on Friday. We understand that it is a long bus journey but we would encourage the children to chat to each other during the bus trip.

Children are **not permitted to take photos on any electronic device**. This is to ensure that the safety of the children is not compromised. Due to the importance of child safety, devices will be confiscated for the duration of the tour if this rule is not adhered to.

As per our school mobile phone policy, the children may only use their phones at allocated times. Any iPods or Kindles etc. will remain in the bean an tí's house.

If any child wishes to bring a camera they must bring a disposable camera. ***The teachers will be taking pictures during the trip and links to the photos will be made available after the trip.***

**Consent form and behavioural contract; School Tour Straffan National School 2023.  
Please sign and Return before the Trip by 20th April, 2023**

**Parent(s)**

I give the teachers of Straffan National School permission to bring my child, \_\_\_\_\_, on the school tour to Gaoth Dobhair on the 15/05/2023 to the 19/05/2023.

I have informed the teachers, to the best of my knowledge, of any allergies or medical requirements that my child may have.

As a reminder to all, as the children are still attending school during a school week while attending the Gaeltacht, all school policies will apply in line with the rules at Coláiste Ghaoth Dobhair.

I agree and understand that the school Code of Behaviour and Antibullying Policy will apply on the school tour. I understand that if my child's behaviour is deemed unsatisfactory then I will have to collect them from the tour at my own expense.

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

I give the teachers of Straffan National School permission to sign a disclaimer form on behalf of my child for the any activities undertaken during the school tour.

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child**

I promise to follow the school rules while I am on the school tour. I promise to show respect and manners to my teachers, the college, the bus driver, those who live in the houses that we are staying in, the local community and my peers. I understand that if my behaviour is deemed unsatisfactory the teachers may call my parent(s) and that they will have to come and collect me at their own expense.

**Child Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**3: Eolas agus Cead Leighis Medical Information and Consent**

*If your child has a Chronic illness, the School's Care Plan will be fully implemented and used while away on the school trip. If there are any changes to your child's condition since the Care Plan was drafted, please inform the school.*

**If your child has any food allergies or needs to take medicine while on the school tour please inform us here. It is very important that you inform the teachers of any such information. Anything that you write here will be kept confidential.**

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If your child is taking any medicine with them on the trip please put it in a labelled Ziploc bag with instructions. If your child does have to go for medical attention then the cost will be the responsibility of the parents. School arrangements in regard to the administration of medicine applies on the trip to the Gaeltacht.

In the case of an emergency:

I **do / do not** give the teachers permission to bring my child to a doctor/ hospital if the need arises.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

### 3: Sonraí teagmhála *Contact Details*

In case of **emergencies** you may contact us on the school mobile.

The school mobile number will be sent out via the school App before the trip.

Your child will have their phone each morning and evening.

### 4: Páirtnéirí insna Seomraí *Room partners*

Write down who you would like to share a room with in order of preference. **Fill in every space please.**

1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	

Every effort will be made to ensure that your child will get to share a room with at least one of their preferences. If there is any problem with the rooming arrangements please contact the school mobile and every effort will be made to come to an alternative arrangement.