

Beart Eolais/Information Pack

Please see below important information as your child/children prepare for their trip to Coláiste Bhríde, Rann na Feirste.



Cá bhfuil muid/Where are we?

The college is located in Ranafast, Annagry, Co. Donegal – A Gaeltacht village and townland in the Rosses district in West Donegal.

Táillí/Fees:

It is important to note that student fees are paid in the currency in operation where the student attends school

€uro for South of Ireland students and £Stg for North of Ireland students

1. Balance payment facility will go live approximately five to six weeks before Course A commences and advance notice will be published on website www.rnf.ie and <https://www.facebook.com/colaistebhríde> in advance.

You need Username and Password for your easypaymentsplus.com account

2. Those who wish to pay Balance Payment by Bank Transfer may do so by making a request to cisteoir@gmail.com

*This is an option which applies to students who have an **outstanding balance other than the difference between the Total Fee and Amount (Deposit) paid** – particularly for students in receipt of Líofa and/or other Bursary/Scholarship awards.*

Scoláireachtaí/Scholarships:

Scholarship/Bursary/Grant Awards for students are many and varied – **Coláiste Bhríde does not organise or co-ordinate the awarding of any of the above**, however, Coláiste Bhríde supports the excellent work carried out by the many statutory and non-statutory organisations involved in the various support schemes for students attending Gaeltacht Colleges.

Sources of Scholarships may include:

- Líofa Bursaries for Six County Students – information available <https://www.liofa.eu>
- Some Local authorities (North and South) offer bursaries within their own constituencies
- Sporting/Language/Feiseanna/Organisations etc.
- Some schools (*ETB schools*) have schemes for their own students.

Please consult with student's Múinteoir Gaeilge (*Irish teacher*) for further information on scholarship/bursary availability.

Students in receipt of a Scholarship Grant/Bursary should notify course secretary ASAP with appropriate evidence of same.



Cealú/Cancellation:

As per College cancellation policy, any reservation cancelled *before 1st February 2024* will result in return of original deposit paid less admin fee of £25/€30. Any reservation cancelled *after 1st February 2024* will result in loss of full deposit paid.



Teagmháil/Communication:

All payment receipts and communications from Coláiste Bhríde are sent to you by email, on occasions some end up in **SPAM FOLDER** – please check regularly!



Lóistín/Accommodation:

Students stay with host families in the area. All host families are approved by Department of the Gaeltacht and all adults in houses (together with the nominated substitute 'Bean an Tí') have full current Garda Clearance.

Breakfast, Dinner, Tea and Supper are provided in all houses and all bed clothes are provided.

For Child Protection reasons, visiting parents are reminded **not** to enter student accommodation for any reason. All queries and/or concerns should be directed to College Secretary (*details at bottom of factsheet*).

Every effort will be made to accommodate friends sharing accommodation, however, no guarantee can be given for large nominated groups.



Taisteal/Travel:

The college co-ordinates a supervised bus transport service for students which operates from as far south as Dublin. Detailed itinerary for students travelling by college transport is provided approximately two weeks prior to course commencement dates. Itinerary for returning home by college transport will be provided to students 4/5 days prior to return journey. Students pass on this information directly to parents thereafter. Those availing of College Transport should indicate such on the on-line application form at registration, and/or update thereafter if there is a change by updating their easypaymentsplus.com profile.

Where a student is availing of a **one-way only option** parents are requested to make contact directly with Course Secretary outlining the choice options and making arrangements accordingly.

Travel cost is an additional fee and is not covered in Course Fee.

Information of Transport costs will be furnished together with details of travel arrangements to parents well in advance of course commencing.



Éadaí/Clothing:

The 'Bean an Tí' will wash light clothes each week but students are encouraged to pack enough clothing for duration of the course. A light summer raincoat can be useful. Students should pack towels/toiletries and appropriate swimwear.



Teagmháil le Tuismitheoirí/Contact with Parents:

Students are allowed to have mobile phones at their lodging house for the purpose of contacting home only. They will be allowed to use them between 6.30pm and 7pm each evening - at all other times phones will be kept in the lodging house by Bean an Tí. Please attach a label with your child's name on it to the back of their phone.

Students who require the use of a phone for medical technology contact reasons (diabetes etc.) must inform Course Secretary in advance.

Phones are not allowed in bedrooms and the taking of photographs using smart phones/devices in student bedrooms is **strictly prohibited**.



Teagmháil leis an Choláiste/Contact with the College during Courses:



Ardmháistir contact details (*only available while Courses are operating*) – otherwise contact Course Secretary:

Office Landline available during Course operating times **+353 (0)74 95 48283**

Ardmháistir Mobile Phone Number – active only during courses and for emergency use only

+353 (0)85 284 0874

Email Contact during courses only:
cursarnf@gmail.com

This information should be retained in a safe and accessible place for future reference

Office hours are: 10.00 am - 12.45 pm | 2.30 pm - 4.30 pm | 8.00 pm - 10.00 pm



Airgead Póca/Pocket Money:

The amount of pocket money you give to your child is at your own discretion but a good rule of thumb would be roughly €5-€10 per day. The children will be taken on a tour and they may wish to shop while on it. All pocket money should be in **Euro**.

There is no bank or ATM nearby and cash should be left in the care of Bean an Tí (*Sealed envelope with student's name*) - **no cash should be left in bedrooms.**



Hoodie Rann na Feirste/ Ranafast Hoodie:

Many students wish to purchase a hoodie with the college crest on the front and their surname in Irish on the back. If you wish to place an order, please do so using the online link provided. To ensure delivery of the hoodie before the end of the course you should order online at least two weeks before the course begins. **Online ordering links will be provided to you in due course.**

Any issues re Hoodie Order – Please make direct contact with supplier:

FAO: **Milo Burke**

Tel: **00353 86 10 88 397** (*WhatsApp is best*)

Email: crollyprint@gmail.com

In all correspondence please include:

1. Student's name
2. College name
3. Course & dates
4. Contact details – email and phone no.



Céilithe:

There will be some themed céilís during the course. Example of themes are: Céilí na nGeansaithe Peile/*Football Jersey Céilí*, Hawaiian Céilí, Céilí na gCulchies/*Culchie Céilí*, Céilí Bréigéide/*Fancy Dress Céilí* and Céilí Prom. Students are requested not to purchase outfits for the céilithe but to improvise with whatever they have at home.



Imeachtaí Breise/Additional Activities:

Kayaking on Loch Bhríde (*to rear of Coláiste Bhríde*) is an optional extra and costs €12, payable directly to facilitator at beginning of course. This service is provided by a professional kayaking company who provide supervision, training, life-jackets, oars, kayaks and helmets. – Students should have old trainers/long sleeve tops & bottoms or their own wetsuit (*if applicable*) to participate.



Cúrsaí Sláinte/Health Matters:

Serious Health and/or Dietary issues should be recorded at registration and followed up with written instructions/information to assist college personnel and/or Bean an Tí in supporting a student while attending Coláiste Bhríde. This information should be sent by email to Course Secretary up to six weeks before a student's course begins, in order to assist the student accesses optimum support.

A registered nurse is employed on each course as part of our team.

Please note special dietary needs can only be facilitated where information is received in advance.



Covid 19:

We ask all parents to administer an antigen test to their child on the morning of travel and if positive not to send them on the trip. In the event of children showing symptoms they will be assisted to take a test by a responsible adult working for Coláiste Bhríde.



Iompar & Polasaithe/Behaviour & Policies:

Parents are asked to remind students of the rules for good behaviour as outlined in the college brochure.

All of our updated policies can be accessed on our website www.rnf.ie



Grianghraif agus na Meáin Shóisialta/Photography & Social Media:

Coláiste Bhríde uses social media to upload photos and videos of some course activities, which may then be used on Coláiste Bhríde website for promotional purposes. Parents who do not wish their child's photo/video to be used should inform Course Secretary accordingly, in advance of course.



Teagmhálaithe Tábhachtacha/Important Contacts:

Courses A, D, E & F	Courses B & C
<p>Course Secretary: Séamas de Faoite</p> <p>Email: oifigrnf@gmail.com</p> <p>Phone: (7-9 pm only) +353(0)87 4842070</p>	<p>Course Secretary: Frank Mór Ó Maoláin</p> <p>Email: frankmor.omaolain@gmail.com</p> <p>Phone: (7-9 pm only) +353(0)87 2266118</p>

Course Finance/Bespoke Payments/Bank Transfer:

College Treasurer: Gearóid Ó Murchú

Email: cisteoir@gmail.com

Phone: +353(0)87 2477164

In all correspondence please include:

- 1. Student's name**
- 2. Course Choice**
- 3. Query Details and relevant contact details (email and phone no.)**



Liostaí Feithimh/Wait Lists:

Wait List applications are similarly received as in general registration and those registered for a Wait List are assigned according to date and time of registration.

As a student withdraws from main registration database (*usually between 10% and 20% per annum for many reasons*), those on Wait Lists move accordingly up the Wait List order.

Parents are informed of Wait List situation around the end of April – when a fuller analysis of final accommodation places and withdrawals from courses become clearer to Course Secretaries.

Please note, Course Secretary will update Parents where a student has been successfully transferred from Wait List to main database.

Students registered on wait list are entitled to a full refund of initial deposit paid if unsuccessfully placed by the time the course commences.