Scoil Mhuire



Newsletter Friday, 4th September 2020

Welcome back to school to all our pupils. It was wonderful to see all our pupils arriving back to school and interacting with their peers and teachers.





We have designed the carpark into a one way walk system with painted sections and directional arrows. A video was sent to you to explain how it works and I must commend all the pupils for their compliance.



We have Portawash units at each entrance as well as sanitising units.

There are also sanitisers in all classrooms and pupils' desks are socially distanced into pods.



We are using Chamcotec Sanitiser which is recommended by DES.

Pupils do not need to bring their own sanitisers to school as there is ample supply in the school.

We have four different break times so only half of the pupils are in the yards at a time. The yards are also divided and painted into sections with an area for each class.

Next week, we will be starting "**Lucky To Be Me**" fortnight which celebrates the uniqueness of each child. It focuses on developing the child's self-esteem and independent skills. You will hear the children talk about Marvellous Monday, Terrific Tuesday, Wonderful Wednesday, Thoughtful Thursday and Fantastic Friday.



ENTRY AND EXIT FROM SCHOOL:

- Entry and exit to school has worked very well. A huge thank you to all parents/guardians and children for your co-operation.
- We have now decided that the phased times can be changed.
- **From Monday 7th September,** all children (excluding Junior Infants) are invited to enter the school between 8.50 and 9.10am.
- Children can go straight to their classrooms where their teachers will be waiting.
- Also, there will be teachers supervising the entrances.

JUNIOR INFANTS:

- Junior Infants to arrive at 9.30am and go straight to their classrooms.
- Junior Infants will exit together at 11.30am.
- Junior Infants have one week left of the shortened day. From Monday 14th September, they will start between 8.50and 9.10am and will exit the school at 1.20pm.

SENIOR INFANTS:

- Senior Infants can enter the school between 8.50am and 9.10am.
- They will exit together at 1.30pm.

1st CLASS:

• 1st Class will exit the school together at **2.20pm**.

ROOMS 12, 15, 16 AND 17:

• These classes will exit the school at **2.25pm**.

ROOMS 7 AND 8:

• These classes will exit the school at **2.30pm**.

To enable the smooth and safe running of these amended times, we ask parents to:

- Maintain social distancing
- Avoid congestion at the gate
- Wear masks

COMMUNICATION:

Seesaw:	All class teachers use Seesaw <u>to communicate with parents about</u> <u>classwork/activities</u> . Please contact the school if you are not set up on Seesaw.
Aladdin:	This is used for all general school correspondence with parents. Paying school monies. School notices. Children's reports. Newsletters.
Website:	smclon.com School Policies

Calendar Booklists Photographs of school activities



- If you are keeping your child at home please contact the school.
- Your child must quarantine for 14 days if she/he leaves the country.



We appreciate the efforts that all have made to ensure a safe return to school

Le gach dea ghuí

Ms. Burke-Heneghan and the Staff of Scoil Mhuire