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*Scoil Mhuire Lourdes*  
*Mill Street, Tullow, Carlow.*

24.09.2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to everyone in our school family! We thank you for your patience and understanding as we reopen school life.

♦ Opening Times: Supervision and access to the school is from **8.50-9.00am for Junior Infants to 2nd class and 9.00-9.10am for 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> class**. Please send your daughter in with the oldest sibling and collect with the oldest. We cannot supervise the children from 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> if they are in before 9am.

♦ Healthy Lunches: Please ensure your child has a healthy lunch coming to school each day. More info. can be found on the school website under 'Policies'- 'Healthy Eating Policy'.

♦ Keeping each other safe: If **your child is unwell they must stay at home**. If your child displays any symptoms of Covid 19 you must contact your GP for advice.

♦ Absence note: **You must send in a reason for your child being absent**. Now more than ever, these will be imperative to have on file.

♦ Homework: This will resume on **Monday October 5<sup>th</sup>** in all classes. It will be a small amount of work each night and collected on Friday.

♦ Ventilation: In accordance with the DES guidelines we are making every effort to ensure rooms are ventilated. It is recommended that your daughter wear some extra clothes at school in the event that she is cold e.g a thermal vest or t-shirt under her school uniform.

♦ Sacrament of Reconciliation and Communion: Congratulations to all the children who have received /will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Communion in the coming weeks.

♦ PA Meeting: Takes place on the **1st October @ 8pm online**. Anyone interested in attending can contact the PA on [parentsassociation@smltullow.ie](mailto:parentsassociation@smltullow.ie) for the link or by sending a direct message on Facebook.

♦ Student Council: I encourage all children from 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> class to consider becoming part of our Student Council for 20-21. Details are on the Student Council board in school and teachers will be discussing it in class.

♦ Payment of money: All money owed to the Office (photocopying, art & craft, book rental, swimming, etc.) should be placed in an envelope **labelled with your child's name** and class teacher. Payment can be accepted online also using the link sent to your phone. Book bills must be paid in full.

♦ School Photography: County Photos will be visiting the school to take pictures October 9<sup>th</sup>. **Full school uniforms for every child on this day to include black footwear only (no tracksuits).**

♦ Changes to details: If any of your details have changed (mobile number, address, email, etc.) please inform Fiona immediately. It is most important that you include an emergency contact number that is operable, in the event of an accident or illness.

♦ Music Generation: This has begun again with Ali in each of our bubbles from Junior-2<sup>nd</sup> class. 3<sup>rd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> will be focusing on making music with our bodies, starting back the 1<sup>st</sup> week of October. We look forward to seeing what the girls produce this year and the process along the way.

♦ School website: Don't forget to keep up to date with all the activities and events that the girls are doing in school by checking out the school website on [www.smltullow.ie](http://www.smltullow.ie).

♦ New Staff: I want to take this opportunity to welcome Ms. Eagers (4<sup>th</sup>) and Ms. Conway (1<sup>st</sup>) to the staff. We wish them every success for the coming year.

Signed:

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Marie Coen (Principal)

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

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**The Parent's Association of School Mhuire Lourdes**

**are running a clothing collection in conjunction with Bag2School.**

By getting involved in our Bag2School collection you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate any unwanted textiles in the bag provided. In addition, it will raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

**We can accept adult and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags, scarves & belts, soft toys**

**Please NO Duvets, Pillows, Bedding, Curtains, Blankets, Towels, Charity shop items or End-Of-Life Clothing.**

The clothes have to be of good quality for reuse in Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe.

The **LauraLynn House** will also receive an additional **10%** from Bag2School. **The LauraLynn House is the only Children's Hospice in Ireland.**

*Their mission is "The LauraLynn House cares for children with life limiting conditions, and their families, by providing high quality transitional care, home support, respite, crisis and end-of-life care. Our services are available to children with high medical and nursing needs from birth to 18."*

Please try to fill as many bags as you can, don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out too! You can return clothes in any kind of bag.

**The school will be collecting on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020 from 3pm to 5pm and Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> October from 9am to 11pm. Please drop your bag (or bags!) to us and help us have a really good collection!**

Many thanks indeed for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.

Thank you!

Your Parent's Association

## WHAT WE COLLECT

We accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE:

- Men's, Ladies and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Belts
- Soft toys

We **DO NOT** accept:

- Duvets, blankets, bedding
- Pillows and cushions
- Charity shop items
- Carpets, rugs and Mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material