

1st February 2021

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Firstly, I would like to wish everyone in our school community a very Happy New Year. I hope that 2021 will bring with it health and happiness for us all. This is an email which I regret to have to send to you, however given the recent announcement by the Government our school will be closed until the end of January when a further review will be carried out.

This means that we will be moving to online learning for the coming weeks. I have detailed below the following

1. Online learning
2. Zoom Sessions
3. Books/ resources collection from school
4. Staff Contact details
5. Other

I know that this is not how anyone wished to begin 2021. However, I am confident in our ability to get through this just as we did before and come out the other side. Please be mindful that staff may not be available to respond to emails instantly so please have patience as we get back into the online world. We can now accept pictures and video clips and I cannot wait to see all the super work that the children produce online. Keep an eye on the school website and Parents Association Facebook page for examples of some super work!

If you have any questions/concerns, please email the class teacher. If you need to speak with me you can contact me on principal@smltullow.ie.

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Marie Coen

Principal



1. Online Learning

What is it?

-A weekly plan of work will be provided for each class. Two Zoom sessions will take place for each mainstream class each week (see Zoom Timetable for more info). Further learning plans will be available for the children who are in receipt of additional support (Literacy, Numeracy, EAL, Speech and Language etc)

When are these plans/online learning available?

- Online learning will begin on Monday 11th January. Plans will be uploaded to the school website each weekend starting 10th January 2021.
- Zoom sessions will begin for classes the week of the 11th January (see timetable for day and time of your child's Zoom sessions)

Where will I locate the plans?

-Visit www.smltullow.ie and click on LEARNING PACKS FOR COVID 19 for all the weekly plans.

How do find the plan for my child?

-Find your child's class and teacher under LEARNING PACKS FOR COVID 19. Click on the weekly plan that you wish to view. It will open in PDF format on your device. Further Learning has been provided by our Special Education Teacher. Click on your child's SET teacher and your child's class to access additional learning activities.

What will my daughter need for online learning?

-Access to the weekly plan to know what activities she is doing daily, along with her school books/ resources and stationary to write with. She will need a device with a stable internet connection for Zoom sessions.

Why is the school doing this? What if I can't do them with my daughter?

-Online learning activities are not to burden families with additional stress or pressure. Instead it is an opportunity for children to engage with their teacher and peers online whilst also continuing their learning journey. Only do what suits your family, their timetable and what is most suitable. If at any stage you are unable to do the work provided or need some more help please email the teacher for support (see contact details for staff below).

2. Zoom Sessions

How will I know when the Zoom sessions are?

-Check the timetable below to see what day and time your daughters two Zoom calls are with her teacher each week.

Where do I get access to the Zoom session?

-A link to the meetings will be on page 1 of the weekly plan. Click the link on the plan to access the Zoom meeting. A password for all the meetings was sent to your email as part of a PDF document. Please check this before the Zoom session. You may be asked to enter a password pending the device you are using.

What will be going on during the Zoom call?

-Teachers will continue with the curriculum in the core subjects (English, Mathematics and Gaeilge). Topics that will be covered during a Zoom session will be highlighted in red in the weekly plan.

What will my child need for the Zoom calls?

-Your daughter will need access to a charged device that has a connection to the internet in a quiet space. She will need her school books and resources from school, writing materials and an area to write on. She will also need to be able to use the microphone on the device or have a headset.

What role do I have as a parent or guardian during a Zoom session?

-Good Online Netiquette: Please remind you daughter of good online 'netiquette'. The following are the rules as described in our Schools Acceptable Usage Policy Appendix 1 pg 5. Please revise these with your child before she begins her Zoom session.



1. Under no circumstances can pictures or recordings be taken of video calls.
2. Staff, families and students are expected to behave in an appropriate, safe, respectful and kind manner online.
3. It is the duty of parents/guardians to supervise children while they are working online and to ensure any content which they are submitting to their teacher is appropriate.
4. Staff members can communicate with pupils and their families via school emails or through an established app (eg. Zoom)
5. Any electronic forms of communication will be for educational purposes and to allow for communication with families.
6. Students and staff will communicate using tools which have been approved by the school and of which parents have been notified.
7. Parental permission will be acquired before setting up a profile for a pupil on a communication forum.
8. For video/Zoom calls, parental permission is implied, as the password to a video call will be communicated via the parent/guardian's email address. Essentially, by virtue of the pupil logging on to the call, permission is assumed.
9. Scoil Mhuire Lourdes cannot accept responsibility for the security of online platforms, in the event that they are hacked.
10. Communication using a mobile phone will not be frequent, but in the rare exception where it is necessary, staff members will ensure that their caller ID is private.

Zoom Timetable

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.50-9.35	Junior Infants	6 th class	<div>Junior Infants</div> <div>SET Ms. Dillon: 4th Numeracy group</div>	6 th class	<div>SET Ms.Garahy 3rd Ms. Brooks Literacy Group</div>
9.35-10.20	<div>SET Ms.Garahy 3rd Ms. Brooks Literacy Group</div>	Senior Infants	<div>SET Ms. Dillon: 4th Literacy group</div>	Senior Infants	<div>SET Ms.Garahy 3rd Mr. Kavanagh Literacy Group</div>
10.20-11.05	First Class Ms. Conway	<div>SET Ms. Cullen Junior Infants</div>	<div>First Class Ms. Conway</div> <div>SET Ms. Dillon: 5th Numeracy group</div>	First Class Ms. O' Brien	<div>SET Ms. Cullen</div> <div>Senior Infants: English Learners (EAL)</div>
11.05-11.50	<div>SET Ms.Garahy 3rd Mr. Kavanagh Literacy Group</div>	First Class Ms. O' Brien	<div>SET Ms. Dillon: 5th Dyslexia Group</div>	<div>MUSIC GEN</div> <div>1st and 2nd</div>	<div>SET Ms. Cullen</div> <div>Second Class Literacy Group</div>
11.50-12.35	2 nd Class	SET Ms. Cullen	2 nd Class	<div>MUSIC GEN</div> <div>Junior and Senior</div>	<div>SET Ms. Dillon:</div> <div>4th English Learners (EAL)</div>
12.35-1.20	<div>SET Ms.Garahy 3rd Ms. Brooks Numeracy Group</div>	3 rd Class Mr. Kavanagh	<div>SET Ms. Dillon: 5th & 6th English Learners (EAL)</div>	<div>3rd Class Mr. Kavanagh</div> <div>*****</div>	<div>SET Ms.Garahy 3rd Ms. Brooks Numeracy Group</div>
1.20-2.05	3 rd Class Ms. Brooks	<div>SET Ms. Cullen</div> <div>Senior Infants Literacy Group</div>	<div>3rd Class Ms. Brooks</div> <div>MUSIC GEN</div> <div>4th</div>	<div>4th class</div> <div>MUSIC GEN</div> <div>Mr. Kavanagh and Ms. Brooks 3rd classes</div>	<div>ASSEMBLY JUNIOR 26th February</div> <div>*****</div>
2.05-2.50	5 th class	<div>4th class</div> <div>SET Ms. Cullen Second Class Literacy Group</div>	<div>MUSIC GEN</div> <div>5th and 6th</div>	5 th class	<div>ASSEMBLY SENIOR 26th February</div> <div>*****</div>

3.Books/ Resources

- If your daughter does not have her books please email info@smltulloh.ie. A collection day and time will be arranged for you to come to the school.
- The following are the dates when someone will be available in the school to facilitate collection:
Monday 11th January 9.30am-10.30am.....Tuesday 12th January 9.30am-10.30am.....Wednesday 13th January 9.30am-10.30am
- Please include the following in your email:
Childs name, class, date and time of preferred collection, contact number.
- If you are picking up more than one set of books that is fine but please include all the details required.
- When coming to the school please adhere to social distancing guidelines and wear a mask on site.
- You will not be admitted access into the school; books will be given from the main door at reception.

4. Staff Contact Details

Principal: Ms. Marie Coen principal@smltulloow.ie and info@smltulloow.ie

6th: Ms. Aisling Madden Room 7 aislingmadden@smltulloow.ie

5th: Ms. Marie Turtle : Room 8 marieturtle@smltulloow.ie

4th: Ms. Eilis Eagers :Room 3 eiliseagers@smltulloow.ie

3rd: Ms. Stacey Brooks : Room 6 stacey@smltulloow.ie

3rd: Mr. Adam Kavanagh Room 1 adam@smltulloow.ie

2nd: Ms. Rebecca Kennedy Room 2 rebecca@smltulloow.ie

1st: Class Ms.Roisin O' Brien St. Brigids roisin@smltulloow.ie

1st: Ms. Suzanne Conway Room 4 suzanne@smltulloow.ie

Senior Infants: Ms. Ann Marie Wall awall@smltulloow.ie

Junior Infants: Ms. Delia Ryan St. Brigid's deliaryan@smltulloow.ie

SET: Ms. Juliana Garahy julianagarahy@smltulloow.ie

SET: Ms. Eileen Dillon eileendillon@smltulloow.ie

EAL Teacher: Ms. Marianne Cullen marianne@smltulloow.ie

5.Other

- Music Generation: Ali will be back with us virtually. Please join her Zoom session for some musical fun- an email will be sent to families with the link to these sessions from Music Generation. Ali would love families to join in during Music Generation if they wish to do so. Brush off the dancing shoes and get the vocal cords ready!
- Assembly: Will take place on the Friday 1st February at 1.20pm for Junior- Second Class and 2.05pm for 3rd-6th class. During assembly we will be doing our Pupil of the Month for January along with a catch up. I look forward to seeing you all there!