

Scoil Mháisiúnta Mhuire Lourdes

059/9151875

Mill Street, Tullow, Carlow.

23.03.2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

♦ Welcome back: It is great to see all the children back in school and the classes once again full of laughter and cheer. We wish every success to everyone in our school community for the remainder of the school year and remind you of the following:

- Please do not send your child to school if she is unwell. If she displays any symptoms of Covid 19 such as a cough, shortness of breath, temperature or distortion of taste/ smell, medical advice should be sought. Please do not congregate before or after school. Adults must wear a face mask on school grounds
- Where possible meet your daughter at a designated point away from the school grounds to limit the number of adults around the premises
- If your daughter is cold-wear an extra layer. We must ensure that classes are ventilated with windows open before school, during break times and after class.
- If your daughter is absent from school she must provide a note to explain the reason for her absence

♦ Sacramental Preparation: We have not been notified of the dates by the Parish yet for the children to receive the Sacrament of Communion or Confirmation. As soon as we know more we will be in contact.

♦ Book bills: There are still a number of outstanding book bills in the school. I strongly urge you to pay for outstanding bills as soon as possible. **Books and resources for next year will not be ordered if there are outstanding bills this year.**

♦ Student Absence: There are a number of girls with a high rate of absence which is understandable given the year we have had. When a pupil is absent for 20 days or more, I am obliged to report this to Túsla – the Child and Family Agency. In recent years, parents have begun to withdraw children from school well in advance of school closing for summer holidays. If you intend taking your child out of school for any period of time this must be stated **in advance in writing.** If your **child is not in school a note to explain her absence must be provided to the school.**

♦ Skipping Workshop: Mark McCabe will be back on **Thursday 25th March** for a skipping workshop with the girls in the playground. Please wear your tracksuit on this day.

♦ Zumba: Will be taking place from **Wednesday, starting the 24th March- 28th April** with Michaela in the playground during school time. Please wear your tracksuit to school on Wednesdays until the 28th April.

♦ Drama: Will be taking place every **Monday, starting the 12th April until the 10th May for the Junior School** with Keelin during school time. **Senior School will start their drama on 17th May 2021 until 14th June.**

♦ Enrolment: Applications for Admission to Junior Infants and other classes in Scoil Mhuire Lourdes for the 2021/2022 school year is still open. Please fill in the Application Form on the school website www.smtullow.ie under the "Scoil Mhuire Lourdes Enrolment" section or contact the school for a copy

♦ Communication with the school: If you wish to speak with the class teacher please contact the school on 0599151875 to make an appointment. Emails to staff will only be checked during school time and replied to during school time.

♦ School Closure: The school will be closed for the Easter holidays from 26th March. **Please check below for the time that your daughter(s) will be finished at.** School will reopen on the 12th April @ 8.50/9.00am

Class	Closing time on Friday 26 th March
Junior and Senior Infants	11.40am
1 st and 2 nd class	11.50am
3 rd -6 th class	12noon

♦ A sincere thank you to all in our school community for supporting our school fundraisers which enable all these fund activities for the children.

Signed: _____ Marie Coen (Principal)