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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As this unprecedented academic year draws to a close, may I take this opportunity to welcome all First Year students who will be entering Scoil Mhuire at the end of August. We hope you will be very happy here and we look forward to working closely with students and parents over the next number of years. Please note that the following arrangements for August are provisional pending guidance from the DES for the re-opening of schools.

**Opening Arrangements**

First Year students will attend on Friday **28th August from 9.00 to 1.00p.m**. for an Induction and Information session. They will have an opportunity to familiarise themselves with the school building and meet with their new classmates and teachers. Fifth Year students will be in attendance to assist the First Years on the day. The only materials your daughter will require will be a copybook, pen and pencil. Please arrange transport home for your daughter at 1.00p.m. on the 28th.

First Years will have classes from 8.47am to 1.10pm on Tuesday, 1st September. Full timetable will commence on Wednesday, 2nd September.

**Traffic Management**

All vehicles entering the school grounds should take the first turn to the left on the school driveway. Continue around the school in a clockwise direction to drop students off at the set down areas provided or where possible at the main gate. Parents are asked not to drive into Car Parks as these are for Staff only.

**Arrangements for August – Book Rental and School Payments**

Please see the 2020-2021 Calendar, school workbook list and other school information.

Please note the following:

* School book payments are to be paid online this year in August, further details on how to do this this will follow at a later date.
* School Fees may be paid in full online or by paying a €50 minimum payment and the balance in instalments during the year. A standing order facility can also be availed of, details available from school office.
* Please print off your receipt or save confirmation of payment details on your phone and bring this with you on book collection day.

**Lunchtime**

First Year students may not leave the school grounds at lunchtime. We encourage all students to bring a healthy lunch to school and to please use a lunchbox to reduce the amount of packaging waste generated. Sandwiches, rolls and muffins are available to purchase from the Sunnyside Bakery and orders are taken with payment each morning before 8.45a.m. in the Junior G.P.A. with delivery at 1.10p.m

**School Uniform**

The official school uniform is available from Outfield Sports on Main Street in Carrick-on-Suir. This is the only officially approved uniform outlet. Please see guidelines from Outfield Sports regarding ordering of uniforms this year. In advance of any purchases for the next school year please note the following:

* School Uniform consists of School Skirt or Trousers, jumper with school crest, a white shirt, black/navy tights or socks. Please note that leggings are only permitted for PE.
* PE uniform consists of School T-shirt in navy, runners suitable for physical activity, plain black or navy tracksuit ends, leggings or sports shorts.
* Shoes should be flat, plain tan, navy or black in colour and weatherproof. Runners, boots or canvas shoes are not permitted as part of general school uniform.
* Facial/Body piercings covered or uncovered is expressly forbidden in school. Any student presenting with such facial/body jewellery must remove it immediately or remain at home until such time as it is removed. There will be no exceptions.
* Make-up should be kept to a minimum and appropriate for school environment. All heavy eye make-up is forbidden. Nail varnish and false/gel nails are not permitted.
* Students in possession of a valid medical certificate may on occasion wear alternative school uniform e.g. in the case of skin allergies etc. Certificates should be presented to the Year Head at the outset of any symptoms/illness.

**Parents’ Council**

Scoil Mhuire Parents’ Council meets on a Tuesday night once a month and engages in the following activities: consultation on school policies & procedures; fundraising for school needs; discussion of school issues. Text messages are sent to all parents regarding meetings and all Parents who wish to attend or help are most welcome.

**School Website/Facebook**

The Scoil Mhuire website can be accessed at [**www.scoilmhuirecos.ie**](http://www.scoilmhuirecos.ie)and featuresitems of interest to all members of the school community. Our Facebook Page is Scoil Mhuire Greenhill Carrick on Suir. Our Facebook page contains lots of information on current outings and sports achievements in the school. It will also contain information regarding emergency closures in the case of snow etc. We would ask you to please send any relevant news/photographs etc. for inclusion to scoilmhuirecos@gmail.com or private message our Facebook Page.

**Student Achievement**

We are very proud of the achievements of Scoil Mhuire students in many spheres – artistic and creative, sports, academic achievement, Gaisce, voluntary work, music, singing, dance and drama. Congratulations to all of the girls who have performed so well during the past year and who have enriched our school and local community with their talent, skill and enthusiasm. We encourage all our new students to the school to become fully involved in school life over the coming year.

Finally, may I wish you and your family a peaceful and relaxing Summer. We look forward to meeting you again in late August and we hope that your daughter will have a happy, fulfilling and successful time in Scoil Mhuire.

Yours sincerely,

Brendan O’Dwyer,

Principal.