**September Newsletter 23/09/2020**

**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

It was wonderful to welcome all the children back to Scoil Mhuire in September. I would like to thank everyone for their co-operation and patience over the last few weeks ensuring the health and safety of all in Scoil Mhuire. The school will continue to uphold all health and safety protocols and ask for your continued support with this.

**Hand Hygiene and Cough/sneeze etiquette:**

I would ask all parents to reinforce all the good hand hygiene procedures and cough/sneeze etiquette with their children each eve. This reinforces all the good procedures teachers maintain each day with the children.

**Drop off and Collection:**

Parents can park in the car park and use the pedestrian walkway to drop off/collect their children or use the drop/collect and go system at the top roundabout. We encourage the use of the pedestrian walkway as much as possible. Parents should wear face masks/coverings when dropping/collecting their children. We ask parents to move off as quickly as possible after they have collected their child and not to congregate at any time. Parents are not allowed to park in the staff car park spaces at any time. We thank you for your co-operation and support with this.

**Pupil absence:**

Pupils must not attend school if they are ill. Any parents whose daughter presents with Covid-19 symptoms such as cough, sore throat, fever, shortness of breath, loss of sense of taste/smell, should consult their GP for advice. Please keep the school updated at all times. Absence notes need to be sent in to teachers for all absences. These can be accessed in the children’s school journal.

**Maths Week 2020:**

Maths week takes place all over Ireland from Oct. 10th-18th. In Scoil Mhuire we have lots of maths activities planned for this week to show that maths is fun for everyone. Unfortunately this year the maths problem solving fair can not take place in the hall like last year. Instead each class will present maths problems in their own class in a fun and interactive way. The maths show attended by some classes in the Helix last year will not be taking place this year but there will be some online maths shows that the children will be able to view with their class instead. Children will also participate in maths quizzes, maths art, maths trails and maths eyes competitions. As a school we prioritised Maths for School Self Evaluation last school year. We hope to continue year 2 of this School Self Evaluation Maths Cycle this year.

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**Úna O’ Kelly**

**School Principal**