

SCOIL MUIRE N.S.

Gortanumera, Ballyshrule, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
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Dear Parents,

*We hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer and would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back on **Thursday 30th August 2018.***

We have 7 Junior Infants starting and we want to welcome them and wish them many happy days at school.

In order to ensure the smooth running of the school please note the following points and file this letter for future reference:

Class Times: **School starts @ 9.20am and finishes @ 3.00pm**

Junior Infants: **9.20am - 12.30pm** (30th August until the 7th of September)
9.20am - 2.00pm

Senior Infants: 9.20am - 2.00pm

First to Sixth Classes: 9.20am - 3.00pm

ATTENDANCE:

As per The Education Welfare Act (2000), which came into effect on 01/09/2002, it is now mandatory for schools to report to the Education Welfare Officer all children who miss 20 days in any school year for any reason. When your child is absent **a note must be given to the teacher, a phone call will not suffice.** If no note is received the absence must be recorded as 'Unexplained'.

CONDUCT:

Children are expected to behave with courtesy at all times and to treat property with respect. We have a beautiful building; it is up to all of us to keep it that way. Good manners are vital and will be expected at all times and on all school related activities. Certain comments, body language, hand signals and eye gestures can be highly inappropriate - please discuss this with your child - as you would expect, such behaviour cannot be tolerated at school.

MORNING TIME:

Each morning the children will assemble in the yard of the school, they will be collected from here by a teacher at 9.17am

The school/Board of Management cannot take responsibility for children who arrive to school before 9.10am

Any child arriving after 9.20am is late for school.

EVENING TIME:

As the children's welfare and safety is of utmost importance to us all, we would ask parents/guardians to collect their children in the yard at home time. The children will wait at their classroom until a parent/guardian arrives to collect them. Thank you for your co-operation.

CONTACT DETAILS:

If your telephone number or address has changed please inform the office immediately. It is vital that we are able to contact parents/guardians at all times. Also it is up to you to ensure that your current mobile phone number is logged with School Text so that you can receive important school text alerts.

HEALTHY LUNCH:

In the interest of your child, Scoil Mhuire has a healthy lunch policy. Sandwiches/ crackers/ fruit/ chopped vegetables/ yogurt/ non-sugary cereal bars are recommended.

SCHOOL UNIFORM:

School jumpers can be purchased from Kidz Korner, Ballinasloe the rest of the uniform can be generic.

BOYS:

- Petrol Blue Jumper with School Crest (only available in Kidz Korner)
- White Polo-Shirt
- Navy Trousers
- Black shoes (NO LOGOS)

GIRLS:

- Petrol Blue Jumper with School Crest (only available in Kidz Korner)
- White Peter Pan Collar Shirt (available in Kidz Korner, Tesco, Marks & Spencer and Next)
- Navy Pinafore / Skirt / Trousers
- Navy or White Socks / Tights
- Black shoes (NO LOGOS)

SCHOOL FINANCES:

The Board of Management in consultation with the school staff have agreed on the amount of the school contribution which is €75 per family.

This will go towards extra classroom resources, art/craft and the upkeep of the school.

Please remit at your earliest convenience.

Please note that your family contribution can be given in instalments throughout the year i.e. €2 weekly, monthly payments or one yearly payment whichever is most convenient to you.

Brown envelopes will be handed out to your child please put your name and the amount enclosed on it and return to the school.

Thank you for your support.

SWIMMING (1st – 6th classes):

Swimming lessons will take place from **6th September - 18th October** classes and will run for a period of 7 weeks. A note will follow with all details.

STAFF:

Junior Room:	Ms Madden
Senior Room:	Ms Ryan
Support Teacher:	Ms Watson
Principal:	Ms Anne Ryan
Secretary:	Monica Geraghty

As we look forward to September, it is important to keep in mind that lots of little incidents happen in school every day and it is our job to deal with them. Problems only arise when we don't find out about incidents. Please encourage your child to tell the teacher when something happens that makes them uncomfortable. If you as a parent know that your child is unhappy about something, please inform us straight away and we will do all in our power to rectify the situation.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, looking forward to seeing you all next week.

Regards,

Anne, Mairéad & Alice