

SCOIL MHUIRE LOURDES

A Chairde,

Cead failte romhaibh! A warm welcome to all after the summer break. We hope that you managed to make the most of the sunshine and that you recharged the batteries for the year ahead!

We extend a special “failte” to pupils of our junior infant classes and wish parents and children a happy and fruitful association with Scoil Mhuire Lourdes. Similarly, we welcome new teachers Greg O Halloran, Aileen Kearns, Ronan Clancy & Joyce Lynch to the staff and wish them well.

The staff and I try to be as helpful as possible to parents and children, most especially at this time of year, when numerous activities begin again after the break. We will continue to work as a team to make Scoil Mhuire Lourdes the great school that it is.

Below are a number of notices for your attention.

E-MAIL COMMUNICATION/RIOMH-PHOSTANNA

Copies of e-mails sent home will be posted on our website making it impossible to miss any note. This year you can check the calendar on our website www.scoilmhuielourdes.ie for upcoming events and school closures 2014-2015. This will be updated regularly as additional events are added. We also use a Twitter account to keep you up to date with all that's happening at SML. Our address is @smcarrigaline

MEDICAL INFORMATION DETAILS

It is vital that we are kept up to date with any medical issues pertaining to your child. A medical information form has been sent to you. Please ensure that you return this to the school as soon as possible. Occasionally a child may be taken ill in school and may need to be sent home. Please ensure contact numbers are up to date at all times. Please ensure we have your correct mobile number as this will be used for **Text a Parent**.

CONTRIBUTION TO RUNNING COSTS

We ask for the following contribution to cover ongoing running costs: **€46** for parents with 1 school going child, **€80** for 2 children and **€100** for 3 or more children.

PUPILS PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The Board of Management requires all pupils to have personal accident insurance cover. The €9 cost is included in the contribution requested above. Parents should note that the cover extends outside school hours and activities and is on a 24 hour basis. Further information is available at www.allianz.ie

ABSENCES OF 20 DAYS OR MORE

In accordance with the education Welfare Act, the school is legally obliged to inform the National Educational Welfare Board if a pupil has been absent for a period in excess of 20 school days during the academic year. We have no discretion in the regard. The NEWB requires all parents to provide a written note in the event of every pupil absence.

SAFETY

Your child's safety is of utmost importance to us. The Senior School gates open at 8.30am. The yard is supervised from 8.30am onwards. Any child entering the premises prior to 8.30 does so at his own risk.

The main gate remains closed until 2.35pm or until all pupils have exited the grounds safely. Please follow the ONE WAY system which is in operation in our school yard.

FEISTEAS SCOILE/SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our boys are looking handsome in their new school uniform. I am aware that there were some supply and delivery issues over the summer holidays. I am working very closely with 4ORM to ensure all these issues will be rectified and that SML gets the best possible product and service.

Full school uniform and black shoes should be worn every day except P.E. day when the school tracksuit should be worn. (1st to 6th) We ask for your co-operation in this regard. We appeal to all parents to ensure that your child's belongings are clearly marked. We accumulate numerous jumpers, shirts, and jackets etc that go unclaimed every year. Personalised tags which can easily be ironed on are available from

www.mynametags.ie or 4ORM

FOIN POCA/Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are collected from students at the beginning of the school day and returned at home time.

RIALACHA/SCHOOL RULES

We are very proud of our boys at Scoil Mhuire Lourdes and with your help hope to continue building on the firm foundations already established. Please take the time to read and explain the school rules with your son. Kindly return it to your son's class teacher by Friday 12th September.

We wish you all a happy and successful school year.

Lorraine Houlihan

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