

NEWSLETTER

Scoil Mháthair Dé

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November 12th 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

THANK YOU

Sincere thanks to all parents for supporting our new measures for safety during this pandemic. Pupils line up safely in the morning and are so well behaved they are a credit to home and school. The children are now into a new routine of leaving the school in the afternoons and walking on the pathway to the traffic warden. In line with Health and Safety children are directed down the walkway. Thank you all for your cooperation in this matter.

ATTENDANCE

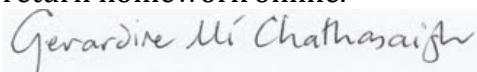
Maintaining an Attendance Log/School Register has legal requirements for our school.

When your child is absent please note two very important responsibilities you have that must be completed on Aladdin App under 'Attendance Notes':

1. Enter a reason for your child's absence for every day absent
2. Complete a *Return-to-school Declaration Form* after being sick

MICROSOFT TEAMS

Schools are directed by the Department of Education and Skills (DES) to have in place, one platform for 1) learning and 2) communication that supports schools to respond in the event of a partial or full school closure in the future. In Scoil Mháthair Dé we have chosen **Microsoft Teams**. This is teaching and building on all our pupils' online skills. Directions have been sent to parents re accessing the phone App and how to access and return homework online.



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1. LEARNING

Following on, all homework for all classes is via MS Teams. Managing through a pandemic and for the avoidance of cross contamination, homework is online.

2. COMMUNICATION

PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS

Virtual Parent-Teacher meetings for all classes, 1st-6th will take place during three weeks in November as follows:

Nov 9th-11th: First Classes and 2nd Room 14

Nov 16th-17th: Classes 3rd-4th

Nov 23rd-25th: Classes 5th-6th

Choose a suitable meeting time on Aladdin.

These meetings will be by phone or video and will be via MS Teams

PT Meetings **next term:**

Junior Infants Room 9 Ms Brosnan

Senior Infants Room 10 Ms Boyle

Senior Infants Room 12 Ms McDermott

Second Class Room 15 Ms Hickey

BEING SAFE ONLINE

Let's all have **online safety** as our focus during the month of November. Please access the Internet Acceptable Use Policy here

<https://scoilmhathairde.ie/policies-3/> To access advice for parents re children working online, please click on the following links on Webwise:

<https://www.webwise.ie/parents/covid19-online-safety-advice-for-parents/>

PERMISSIONS

Please sign permission form on Aladdin allowing your child to access the Internet

Application Forms for secondary school

Parents of pupils in Sixth Class are invited to a meeting on MS Teams on Monday next November 16th @7pm

Designated Liason Person (DLP) in Scoil Mháthair Dé: Gerardine Uí Chathasaigh