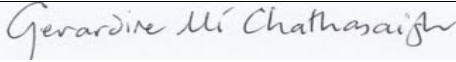


NEWSLETTER

Scoil Mháthair Dé	NEWSLETTER	22 nd October 2025
Dear Parents, <u>New Child Protection Procedures</u> Please be advised of Child Protection Procedures 2025. The Department of Education and Youth (DEY) has published the Updated Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025. The new procedures replace the 2017 and 2023 versions and are based on the Children First Act 2015. Parents can expect information on these procedures to be communicated via the school. The school will implement the new procedures after staff have received mandatory in-person training on December 6th 2025 Please be reminded that Scoil Mháthair Dé will be closed on that day for training to take place. The updated procedures reinforce the school's role in safeguarding children by outlining and how to recognize and report child protection concerns. Going forward you can expect to receive information about the specific details of these new procedures and the school's child's safeguarding statement. The full test of the updated procedures can be accessed here https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/policy-information/child-protection-procedures-in-schools/ The Designated Liasion Person in Scoil Mháthair Dé for reporting Child Protection concerns is: Gerardine Uí Chathasaigh (DLP) The Deputy Designated Liasion Person is: Kate Lynch (DDLDP)		<u>CATHOLIC SCHOOL</u> SMD is a Catholic school under the Patronage of Bishop Brendan Leahy of the Limerick Diocese. The Sacraments are celebrated annually in St Joseph's Church. • May 6th 2026 <u>Rite of Confirmation</u> 11:00am • May 15th 2026 <u>First Holy Communion</u> 10:30am 'Do this in Memory' Masses will take place on the following dates: • November 16th • December 7th • January 11th • February 8th • March 8th <u>DRESS-UP</u> Pupils are invited to dress-up on Thursday 23rd. Ms Williams is organizing a fund-raiser for Special Olympics. Children are asked to contribute <u>€2</u> please. Theme: Halloween or Superhero or anything they would like to dress up as or wear the school uniform if they prefer! It will be a fun day and weather-permitting we will have a parade around the school grounds. <u>MID-TERM BREAK</u> School will be closed on the following dates: • Friday 24th (Polling station for election) • Monday 27th (Bank Holiday) • Tuesday 28th- Friday 31st (Mid-term) School will reopen on Monday November 3rd <u>VACCINATIONS FOR JUNIOR INFANTS</u> Attention Junior Infant parents: • Tuesday 4th November • Tuesday 11th November Appointments will be sent to you from the HSE <u>ENJOY A LOVELY MIDTERM BREAK EVERYONE!</u>
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