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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to thank you for your patience for allowing me the time to plan and organise with the staff and the Board of Management for the reopening of Scoil Mhuire NS on Wednesday August 26th 2020. There are a few things I would like to share with you now regarding the school year 2020/2021.

Teachers and Classes for School Year 2020/21:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
Junior Infants	To be appointed
Senior Infants	Ms. Roycroft
First Class/Second Class	Mr. O' Driscoll
Third Class/ Fourth Class	To be appointed
Fifth Class	Ms. Fitzmaurice
Sixth Class	Ms. Whelton

Special Education Teachers:

Ms. Drinan
Ms. O'Sullivan
Ms. Cleary/Ms. O'Neill

Book Rental Scheme 2020/21:

Our Book Rental Scheme which saves parents a considerable amount of money will be in place for next year again. Wherever possible any textbook that can be placed on the rental scheme is placed on it. These books include Maths, English, Irish, Geography, History and Religion books. Other books such as workbooks unfortunately cannot be placed on the rental scheme as children will need to write into them and therefore these books cannot be re used and will still need to be purchased outright. However, to help with this, Scoil Mhuire NS will again continue to purchase **all** of your child's books. It will also mean you won't have the hassle of queuing in book shops during the summer. The books will be given to your child on the first day back in school.

Parents will pay a set amount per child each year. Unfortunately, this year we have had to increase the fee by €10 to **€70 per child**. This money will be used to buy all the books your child needs for the new school year (book rental books, workbooks and homework diary). As the new principal in Scoil Mhuire NS, I know this increase might be difficult for you given the current climate you may find yourself in post COVID 19 and this is not a decision I have taken lightly. I have reviewed the



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booklists with the staff and presented the figures to the Board of Management. The previous price of €60 per child including the Book Rental Grant from the Department of Education and the discount we receive by bulk ordering the books is not covering the bill we receive from the bookshop. Last year, the school had to cover an additional €1736.

Please note that copies, dictionaries, and stationery are not included in the above fee and must be purchased as normal (See stationery list for each year group that will be posted on Aladdin/School website by next week). Your child may already have many of these however.

Recommendations for the reopening of Schools

On Wednesday July 1st, the Department of Education and Skills published Interim Recommendations for the reopening of schools, this is available on the Department of Education website. We have started putting into place some of the recommendations from this document. We will continue to monitor the situation and public health advice for schools over the summer holidays to ensure the children and staff will return to a safe and secure learning environment.

Junior Infants 2020

I would like to extend a warm welcome to new Junior Infant class of 2020. I will be sending all Junior Infant parents a letter regarding Aladdin Connect early next week, followed by an invitation to join Aladdin.

School Calendar 2020/2021

Available on School website and also on Aladdin Connect App.

School Uniform

Information on school website and will be also posted to Aladdin next week.

I am looking forward to opening the doors of Scoil Mhuire NS on August 26th and giving a warm welcome back to the children. I will keep you informed on the teacher appointments for the Junior Infants and the Third/Fourth class and any other relevant information in August before we return to school.

Kind regards,
Mairead Drinan
Principal.

