



# Pobalscoil Sráid a'Mhuilinn

## MILLSTREET COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Coomlogane, Millstreet Town, Co. Cork P51 CA34

*Promoting all aspects of the growth and development of each student in a caring environment*

A Thuismitheoir / Chaomhnóir, a chara | Dear Parent / Guardian,

One year ago we began to hear murmurings of Covid-19 and the word 'pandemic' began to appear in the media coverage of the outbreak. On March 12<sup>th</sup> 2020 we closed our school as directed by the Government. One year on, we have welcomed back our 6<sup>th</sup> Years for the second time this year and we prepare to do likewise for 5<sup>th</sup> Years next Monday, and the rest of the school on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

I must pay tribute to our 6<sup>th</sup> Years for the manner in which they have conducted themselves since their return to school. I expect the same level of cooperation from every other student when they return. The pandemic is far from over. Vigilance and compliance with all guidelines are our best defences against the virus in our school setting.

I will be meeting with all 5<sup>th</sup> Year Students and their Parents / Guardians on MS Teams this afternoon in advance of their return to school on Monday. I will also be holding a meeting for all other Year Groups and Parents / Guardians on Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 11am. It is essential that all Students and Parents/Guardians attend those meetings as we will be outlining new procedures that are in place in MCS to keep us all safe. This meeting will be held on the Zoom platform and you will receive details closer to the date.

The Department of Education, in line with Public Health Guidelines, has directed us to ensure that all Parents/Guardians complete a Return to School Form for your child in advance of their return.

For your convenience we have digitised this form and it is available to registered parents on our school app. You will need to download our school app and log in to register as a parent. The school will verify your details with the information we have on file and you will then be approved to log in and complete the form.

Please download the app today to enable us to process all activation requests in advance of the full return to school. The app is available on the App Store and Google Play by searching *millstreetcs*

As you are aware, whenever a student is absent from school you need to provide an explanation for their absence in the school journal. This has now also moved to our app via the 'Absence Form'. Instead of a note in the Journal, please use the app to submit the relevant information. The details will go directly to our Attendance Coordinator, Ms J. O'Donoghue.

For those of you who may already have downloaded the app, please register as a Parent to enable these important features. This will become the 'new norm' in MCS even after Covid-19 has passed so please activate your Parental Accounts as soon as possible.

We are looking forward to seeing our 5<sup>th</sup> Years again next week and everybody else after Easter, all going well. With your continued support, we will keep our school community safe and well.

Míle buíochas as ucht do chuid comhoibríthe agus cabhrach 's sinne ag cur feabhais le nithe fé leith chun ár bpobal a chaomhnú. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation as we continue to strive to keep our school community safe.

What a difference a year makes!

Is mise, le meas,

Pól Ó Síodhcháin  
Principal