



# 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*

12<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Beatha agus sláinte chugat, I hope you are well. Thank you for the tremendous efforts to ensure the safety of our school community that have been made since we returned to school. The sustained cooperation, commitment and flexibility of everybody given the many changes we have had to make deserves great recognition and as Principal I wish to express my appreciation of these efforts. While our communication with you at present is largely by electronic means, I want to make you aware of the following:

### **Parent-Teacher-Student Meetings (PTSM):**

We have had very positive feedback since we introduced PTSM meetings two years ago. Unfortunately, given the current circumstances, these will now be replaced by a more comprehensive school report. Individual formative feedback will be given to each student. They should use this to improve their work over the coming term.

A further detailed report will be issued in February 2021 and again in June 2021. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Year Students will receive a further report in March 2021 in place of the scheduled PTSM at that time. Should you have any concerns in the meantime regarding your child's progress, please feel free to contact the school office who in turn will put you in touch with the appropriate school personnel.

Results for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Year students are now available online. You should log in to VSware to access these reports. TY reports will be available from November 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **School App:**

I am happy to inform you that our newly-developed school app is now available to download for iOS and Android. Just search MillstreetCS in Play Store or Apple App Store. I would encourage all of you to download the app as notifications will be pushed out to that platform from next week onwards. The app is, and will always be, free to download.

Create a Parent account once you download it so that you can access electronic forms, i.e., permission slips, absence explanations etc. (this will be fully operational next week). You will also find a direct link to VSware in the dropdown menu as well as digital forms, news, direct contact feature and a link to our website. The app homescreen gives easy access to notifications, school news and our recently-created YouTube channel MillstreetCS TV.

We will be introducing a payments facility via the app over the coming weeks and months to make it easier for you to pay for school events, etc. online (this will eventually replace the VSware payments system).

Students will also be encouraged to download the app to their phones so that they can receive notifications and access school news and events. They will have a separate facility to create a student account. An account is not essential but it is necessary to access the full functionality of the app.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

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Pól Ó Síodhcháin  
Principal