



Mulroy College

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Donegal Education and Training Board

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Dear Parent/Guardian

I hope this letter finds you all well. As we are a few weeks into term now I wanted to outline a few areas for your attention and advise you on how to contact the school if there are any issues or ongoing concerns you may have.

All classes are now fully up and running and our first year cohort have settled in very well.

They have adjusted positively to Mulroy College and each day they are adding so much to our school community. There have been so many changes for them and they have embraced them all. You can be very proud of how they are managing as this change has been more challenging for them and yet they have embraced everything, they are positive in their approach and overall they are well settled into their new school life.

Contacting the school:

To contact the school on any issues you may have, put a note in your child's diary, phone the school and ask for their class teacher or year head. Every student meets their class teacher every morning and their year head is also available every day and checks in with them regularly. If you leave a message when you call, you will receive a call back when they are available. You can also email mulroycollege@donegaletb.ie.

Online survey:

As we cannot have our first year parent's information evening this year, we are sending out a survey to all our first year parents. You will receive this next week. Any specific issues or concerns can be detailed in this form. A member of staff will then contact you where necessary.

Canteen facilities:

Our canteen is open each day at break and at lunchtime. Both hot and cold food is available each day. A choice of 3 hot dinners is available each day, full dinners are available for €2 daily.

Students can go to the canteen during break or lunch, the gym area inside or outdoors to the all-weather pitch. Students are asked to remain socially distant from each other during these times as masks are usually removed. It is very important when eating and during times when masks are removed that students remain 2 meters from each other.

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School Books:

Teachers have been instructed not to ask students to bring all books to school. First year students are continuing to bring all books and harbacks to school, this is not needed.

I am very aware some are carrying very heavy bags and this issue arises every year with first years. It will take time but please go through their timetable with them every evening and check their bag as it is not necessary for all books to be brought into school.

Use of mobile devices:

As a support many teachers were asking students to use their own devices in class and therefore completely eliminate the need for their book in school. Unfortunately, it has come to our attention that many students are taking pictures and putting up messages and posts during school hours.

A number of groups have been created by students where some young people have been victimised and inappropriate comments and language has been shared between students.

Please discuss with your son/daughter the importance of online etiquette. Any person making an inappropriate comment about another person online, in a group chat or on a one to one message is parting in cyber bullying. Any person in a group where cyberbullying is happening should remove themselves immediately from the group otherwise they are seen to be supporting the behaviour. Any form of bullying both online or in person is a breach of our code of behaviour and sanctions may be issued.

I feel it is a great assistance to teaching and learning where devices can be used in class however students have no permission to use their device outside of teaching and learning. It is very important this behaviour changes as I do not want to issue an instruction that devices cannot be brought to school at all.

Symptoms of COVID-19

Symptoms of COVID-19 are similar to symptoms of cold or flu. The most common symptoms are:

- fever
- cough
- shortness of breath

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- loss of sense of smell or taste

If your child has any of these symptoms they must not attend school and you must contact your GP.

If anyone in your household presents with any of these symptoms all members of the household must self isolate and contact your GP.

More information regarding the most up-to-date signs and symptoms of COVID-19 is available on the HSE website, <https://www2.hse.ie/coronavirus/>.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and for the support and collegiality you are showing to ensure everyone in Mulroy College can fully participate in our wonderful teaching and learning environment.

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