



# 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 fully up and running now and our students have settled in very well.

There have been so many changes for our students and they have embraced them all. You can be very proud of how they are managing as this change has been extremely 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](mailto:mulroycollege@donegaletb.ie).

### **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. Each year group has also been allocated an area with indoor and outdoor space where they go if they are not accessing the canteen. It is extremely important that our year groups do not mix and we are asking all students to cooperate with this measure.

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.

I am very aware some are carrying very heavy bags. 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. Where this happens students must leave their device on the desk and only use their phone for the purpose of learning under the instruction of the teacher. In the event that a student accesses their phone for any other purpose during the school day, their phone will be confiscated and further sanctions may also be imposed.

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.

## **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
- 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/>.

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## Issue from the Department of Education and Skills

The Department of Education and Skills has issued the following instruction with regard to all procedures and measures schools have had to put in place to ensure we remain open and compliant with all guidelines issued to us:

*Failure by a student to comply with the standards of behaviour expected to help prevent the introduction and spread of COVID-19 will constitute a breach of the Code of Behaviour of Mulroy College and s/he may be subject to sanction up to and including suspension or permanent exclusion.*

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.

Kind regards  
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