



Mulroy College

Coláiste Na Maoile Ruaidhe

Milford, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

Baile Na nGallóglach, Leitir Ceannainn, Co. Dhún na nGall



Bord Oideachais agus Oiliúna Dhún na nGall
Donegal Education and Training Board

26th August,

Dear Parent/Guardian

I hope you have all had a good summer and look forward to your son/daughter returning to school next week.

Thankfully we are returning to a much more normal school day for everyone this year and I wanted to highlight a few areas for your attention and ask that you would discuss the same with your son/daughter to prepare them for their return.

Communication with parents

All parents have access to VSware, first year parents will be set up in the coming weeks.

Teachers will be inputting regular assessments on VSware so you will be able to access this throughout the year. We will send a text message to parents as assessments are being completed.

Use of the school diary

Student diaries have been redesigned following feedback received from parents, students and staff members.

We have added numerous additions to the diary including positive affirmation sections, study reflection on learning and study plans.

Please review the diary each day as teachers will be communicating with parents through the diary and students will also be recording their own reflections on learning which is a key tool in ensuring progression for them

Mobile phones/airpods and electronic devices

Mobile phones, electronic devices, earphones or airpods are not permitted at all in the school building. If students are using any they will be confiscated, secured safely until a parent/guardian can collect the device.

All students bringing a device to school must place it in their locker at the beginning of the day. The device should not be removed until the end of the day.

Parents can contact the school through the main office and students can contact home through the main office throughout the day if needed.

We have invested considerably in devices ourselves so students will continue to use ICT in classes throughout the day but they will be using school based devices.

With the huge increase in social media problems over the last number of years in school, it is extremely important we keep the school day a safe space for everyone.

If a student needs a personal device for medical reasons and you have not informed the school please let us know.

Lockers

All students will be allocated a locker within the first few days.

Please ensure your son/daughter only brings books that they need for the day as per their timetable and not all books.

When lockers are allocated they will need to get a spare key cut also.

Uniform

Our uniform is very important to us.

It is very important that our students wear the full school uniform including a uniform jacket.

This sets our standards of excellence for our students and it is important they also embrace this culture throughout the year.

Vaping

Vaping has become an issue lately in society and in the school. Vaping has so many health factors associated with it and will be dealt with accordingly in the following passage from our code of behaviour

Students are aware that it is strictly forbidden to be in possession of:

- 1. Illegal drugs or substances*
- 2. Dangerous objects, weapons or harmful substances*

*In line with current legislation, smoking, **including e/cigarettes** is forbidden in the building and in the college grounds.*

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Temple