

Addresses and phone numbers.

Please let us know if you have changed your address or phone contact number. It is essential that we have up to date contact details for all children. You can update your contact details via the Aladdin Connect App.

Labelling of Clothing

Please ensure your child's clothing and other items are clearly labelled to minimise the amount of lost property that accumulates in the school each year.

We would like to remind you of the following school policies regarding:

Jewellery

To ensure safety and to eliminate the risk of injury during P.E. jewellery should **not** be worn by pupils during the school day. This includes earrings and chains.

Birthday Party Invitations

You are asked not to distribute birthday invitations via the school. It is very difficult to explain to children why they might be excluded from a party. Your co-operation in this matter is much appreciated.

Homework. You are requested to check your child's homework daily.

Mobile Phones/Electronic Devices

In the past we have facilitated pupils leaving phones and other electronic devices in the office. Unfortunately in the current climate we cannot continue with this facility. As a result children may not bring mobile phones or other electronic devices to school.

Collecting children from school during the school day.

Due to the current circumstances, visitors to St. Mochulla's are severely restricted and your co-operation is greatly appreciated in maintaining this protocol. Should you wish to collect your child from school during the day for any reason, please ring the office when you are outside the school and your child will be brought out to you.



ST. MOCHULLA'S NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2020

Email: principal@stmochullas.com www.stmochullas.com

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Principal's Message.

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our school newsletter. On behalf of the staff of St. Mochullas, I am delighted to welcome you to the 2020-21 school year! Whether you are returning for another year or attending St. Mochullas for the first time, we hope that the year ahead will be a productive and happy year for you all and for your children. We are looking forward to working in partnership with you to ensure all the children attending St. Mochullas can achieve their highest potential. The return to school was a little different to other years and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your co-operation and patience with our new Covid protocols, particularly around drop off and collection. If throughout the year you wish to discuss any issue relevant to your child's education, please contact the office at 065-6835840 or send an email to: principal@stmochullas.com.

Le gach dea mhéin,
Brian Culloo

Birthday Parade.

Happy birthday to the following people :

Roisín O Rourke, Caoimhe O Keefe, Katie Murphy, Róise Stewart, Gus Sheehy, Sadbh Higgins, Conall O Murchú, Cormac Hogan, Billy McPartland, Aimee O Hanlon, Charlie Moroney, TJ Ringrose, Zoey Sandford, Padraic Fitzgearld, Meadhbh Hely, Jack Benson, Diarmuid Boyce ,Paddy McPartland, Evan McGrath, Jamie Cullinan, Mark Malone,

Happy Birthday to all the children who celebrated their birthday during the summer holidays.

Some Words of Wisdom.

Life is a school. Those who learn to love, respect and help others graduate with honours.

Welcome to Our New Junior Infants.

Thursday August 27th was a very exciting day for the following boys and girls: Ellie O Sullivan, Sofia Oliveira, Emma Mulvihill, Freya Pugachenko O Keeffe, Róisín O Rourke, Caoimhe O Keeffe, Bella Bassani Donovan, Skye Moloney, Emma Donnellan, Clare Gavin, Ava McInerney, Mia Meehan, Olivia Sanicka, Odhran Costelloe, Cormac Hogan, Rory Lynch, Cian O Shaughnessy, Jamie Lillis, Lee Curtis, Aidan McGrath, Dylan O Dwyer, Cian Garvey, Aidan McNamara. A big welcome to all our new Junior Infants.

Welcome also to Alex O Sullivan who has joined us in 5th class.

Parking.

In the interest of the health and safety of all the children in St. Mochullas, we ask that you please observe the following:

- Park on school side of road **ONLY** so as to avoid children having to cross the road.
- Both bus bays must be kept clear but may be used as a **drop off zone only** when buses have departed.
- Please enter the bus bay via the entrance furthest from the school gate.
- Please observe the set down only area and the no parking zone (immediately outside school).

Entering/exiting the school

All children should enter and exit the school grounds through their designated entrance at the main gate **only**. The car park entrance is for cars only. **Children must not be walked through the car park.** Those cycling to school should dismount their bikes on entering the school grounds.

It is most important that these instructions are given to those who bring your child to school.

Walking and cycling to school.

If your child is walking or cycling to school please speak to them about the importance of road safety. Please ensure they wear a hi-viz jacket and helmet if cycling.

Personal Accident Insurance - Allianz.

The Personal Accident Insurance provider is Allianz. This policy offers cover for children at a cost of €7 per child. This offers 24hour/365days a year cover. This cover will meet medical expenses. It is strongly recommended that you avail of this insurance cover. This Personal Accident Insurance is payable via the Aladdin Connect online payment facility.

Visit www.allianz.ie/other_products/schools/pupil-personal-accident/ for more information on this scheme.

Family Contributions

A voluntary family contribution towards Art and Crafts, photocopying and Accelerated Reader is asked at this time of year. A guideline of €30 per child with a maximum of €60 per family is requested. We also ask for a €10 digital subscription per child to help cover the costs of digital licences. These monies can be paid via the online payment facility on Aladdin Connect. Thank you to all who have contributed to date.

Please be reminded that throughout the year, finance should never prohibit any child from participating in any school related events.

Please contact the office in this regard.

Education Welfare Act

Schools are obliged by law under The Education (Welfare) Act 2000 to submit reports on school attendance to the Educational Welfare Services of The Child and Family Agency. (TUSLA)

The school is obliged by legislation to inform TUSLA when a child has been absent for 20 days in a school year. If your child is absent from school you will receive an absent notification via Aladdin Connect.

Aladdin Connect

Thanks to all who have downloaded the Aladdin Connect App. Aladdin Connect is a fantastic way to enhance our school. If you are experiencing any difficulty accessing Aladdin Connect please contact the office.

Complaints Procedure:

The following are the agreed procedures between the education partners for raising a concern or bringing a complaint about a behavioural matter.

- Parents/guardians should bring matter to the attention of the class teacher.
- If dissatisfied with the outcome, parents should bring the matter verbally to the Principal.
- If parents/guardians feel the matter is not resolved they should verbally contact the chairperson of the Board of Management.
- Parents/guardians should put their concerns to the Board of Management, in writing, if they feel unhappy with the resolution of the issue.