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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to another school year. We were delighted to re-open our doors and we are looking forward to a great year ahead.

Thank you very much for your co-operation in regards to the drop off and collection routines. It is very much appreciated by us all.

We wish all our students health and happiness in the year ahead.

Welcome to all our new pupils, especially our Junior Infants joining our school community for the first time. We hope you will have many happy years in Mount Hanover.

The class allocation for this year is as follows:

Infants: Ms. Kate Leddy

1st/2nd: Ms. Brigid O'Donnell

3rd/4th: Ms. Mary Clayton

5th/6th: Ms. Lorraine O'Loughlin

Special Education Teacher: Ms. Laura McGinty

Principal Release Teacher: Ms Niamh Stapleton

Special Needs Assistant: Mrs. Mary Kennedy

Secretary: Mrs. Jennifer Donoghue

May we draw your attention to the following:

Uniforms: Children are to wear their school tracksuits on PE days only. If you are unsure of your child's PE day please contact the class teacher. Full school uniforms must be worn on all other days. Please note that the Mount Hanover hoodies are not a part of the school uniform.

Class Dojo: The teachers are using "Class Dojo" as a behavioural management and communication tool. We ask that parents respect the app and do not contact the teachers outside of school time and especially not at weekends or during schools holidays. If this is not adhered to we may have to discontinue the use of Class Dojo.

Healthy Lunches: Please continue to pack a healthy lunch for your child. Fizzy drinks are not allowed in school. A copy of our "Healthy Eating Policy" can be found under the policies tab.

Nut Free Zone: Scoil Cholmcille is a "Nut Free Zone". We cannot allow children to bring any nut based products into school or in their packed lunches. We ask that parents avoid giving children peanuts, peanut butter sandwiches, other spreads containing nuts such as Nutella and snacks/bars containing nuts or labelled "may contain nut traces" in school lunches. We also ask children not to share their lunches.

Art & Craft Fees: The Art and Craft fees are now due. The cost is €40 for each student (Senior Infants -6th Class). Book rental fees are also due at a cost of €15 for the children from 3rd-6th class. There is also an option to purchase student insurance via this link. Many thanks to all those who have already paid the Art and Craft contribution and a small reminder to those who have not, to do so at their earliest convenience via the online payment portal:

<https://www.aladdin.ie/p/6180051006521344>

School Attendance: Please remember to send a message to the teacher via Class Dojo if your child is absent. All school absences must be explained.

Please do not send your child to school if any of the following is true.

Your child has:

- a fever (high temperature - 38 degrees Celsius or above) - including having chills
- a new cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just dry
- shortness of breath or breathing difficulties
- loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal
- runny or blocked nose
- nausea, vomiting or diarrhoea
- aches and pains or tiredness
- sore throat
- headache

Please note that if your child has been told by the HSE services that they are a close contact of a case of Covid-19, they need to restrict their movements and stay at home.

Mobile Phones: Mobile phones are not allowed in school. Any child found to have a mobile phone in school will have the phone confiscated. Children have the use of the school phone in emergencies with permission from their class teacher.

Child Protection: The Department of Education & Skills has recently published Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools. The school is obliged to act in accordance with these guidelines. Consequently, if there is a matter of concern in relation to child abuse, we are obliged to report this to the HSE. They will assess the case and provide support for the child. Children First Guidelines may be accessed on http://www.childprotection.ie/sites/childprotection.ie/files/Children_First_National_Guidance_2017.pdf

Birthday Invitations/Treats: Please note that the school does not provide phone numbers of children in classes for the purposes of birthday invitations. Neither does it take any responsibility for distributing birthday invitations. Many thanks for your understanding. We also ask that you do not send in treats/birthday cake with your child on their birthday as we cannot share them with the class in the current circumstances.

Policy Updates: We will be conducting our yearly review of the following policies during the month of September: Anti-Bullying, Discipline and Child Protection. All policies can be viewed under the policy tab on the school website. We ask that parents make themselves familiar with these policies and direct any suggestions/edits to the school email address: mounthanoverns@gmail.com

Thank You: Many thanks to Cllr. Elaine McGinty (Meath County Council) for her very generous donation of €1,500 to the school. This donation is from her discretionary funds and it will be used for digital technologies and library resources.

Contact Details: It is very important that the school has up to date contact details for all families. If your mobile number or email address has changed, please let the school secretary know as soon as possible at mounthanoverns@gmail.com

Many thanks,

Lorraine O'Loughlin

Principal