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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you are all keeping healthy and well and have enjoyed some peace and happiness over the Christmas holidays.

As you are aware the government has announced that schools will be engaging in remote teaching and learning from Monday. While this is not the ideal way for children to learn, we in Scoil Mhuire, are very fortunate in that we have put in place strong systems to support remote teaching and learning over the next few weeks.

We have purchased Seesaw for Schools which allows for a whole school, integrated approach to engage with our children on a personal and individual level. The children were all issued Home Learning codes in the first term to facilitate Seesaw use from home in the event of a school closure. If your child has lost their code please contact your class teacher and we will reissue one.

We, as a staff, use G Suite for Education for planning collaboratively and sharing work documents. This provides safe storage of working documents and also a safe and secure method of communication between staff and families.

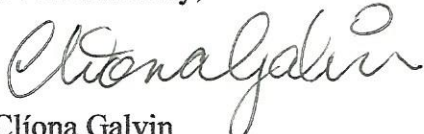
We have purchased Zoom for Education which allows for top quality and secure video conferencing. Your class teacher will regularly communicate with your child through Seesaw and Zoom to ensure we not only continue to offer a high quality education to your child but we will also retain that special relationship that we have with our children.

Fortunately children have their books and copies with them this time which should facilitate home learning better and reduce the need for full time access to the internet. Work will be rolled out through Seesaw but we will also post a plan of work for the week ahead on the school website every Monday morning. Please keep an eye on our website <http://www.scoilmhuire.net> for updates.

While respecting that children learn differently and families have different needs and live under different conditions we would ask that all children engage in learning in the weeks ahead. If your child or family is struggling, for whatever reason, please do not hesitate to make contact with the school. You can contact the school on a dedicated mobile number (087 1224820) during school hours and also on our school email office@scoilmhuire.net. Your child's class and support teacher where applicable, will contact you to give you their email address and our HSCL teacher Sinéad Tyrell is also available on 086 4126865. If your child has SNA access they too will be in contact.

Please God by working together and supporting each other with kindness and patience we will get through this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,


Cliona Galvin
Principal