



## *Scoil Mhuire*

# Scoil Mhuire School Ethos

### **Rights and Duties of Parents**

The Irish Constitution 'guarantees to respect the inalienable right and duty of parents to provide, according to their means, for the religious and moral, intellectual, physical and social education of their children' (Art. 42.1). The children of Catholic parents have first claim on admission to Scoil Mhuire.

Scoil Mhuire welcomes diversity and strives for inclusivity. It is open to people of other denominations and other faiths, welcomes them into its community and respects their beliefs: The religious freedom and the personal conscience of individual students and their families is respected, and this freedom is explicitly recognised. The enrolment policy of the school is an important means of implementing its Catholic ethos by setting criteria for admission which will allow the school to discharge its primary responsibility of providing for the Catholic children in its parish.

### **Scoil Mhuire a Catholic School**

Scoil Mhuire Primary School, Killorglin, is a National School, which operates under the patronage of the Catholic Bishop of Kerry. The school is committed to the aims and principles of the Primary School Curriculum (1999).

It celebrates the uniqueness of each child as expressed in each child's personality, intelligence and potential for development. The school seeks to nurture the child in all dimensions of his or her life - spiritual, moral, cognitive, emotional, imaginative, aesthetic, social and physical.

In Scoil Mhuire we seek to cherish and challenge children in a safe, secure and attractive learning environment. We aim to provide quality learning experiences that are uplifting, enlightening, encouraging, enabling, engaging and enjoyable through a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum.

The school sees itself as an integral part of Killorglin Parish and, in partnership with parents and the church, seeks to nurture the Catholic faith through religious education, preparation for the sacraments and through the ethos of the school. This ethos is best exemplified through the quality of all relationships in the school, which are based on respect and dignity for all- children, teacher staff, ancillary staff, parents/guardians, parent association members, BOM members and visitors to the school.

Scoil Mhuire reaches out to all with an invitation to build together a world founded on justice, truth and love. In emphasising the values of community, justice, respect and forgiveness at Scoil Mhuire we endeavour to help pupils grow in maturity and to take their place as responsible members of society.

### **Some Religious events celebrated in Scoil Mhuire**

- The name of school reflects the Catholic tradition in which Mary is assigned a central place
- The name Scoil Mhuire is displayed in a prominent position
- Religious symbolism in our school logo

- Statue of Mary in prominent position in main hallway inside front door
- Prayers are said at specific times throughout the day-Morning, evening, Grace before and after small sos and lón, the Angelus and at other times as deemed appropriate by the class teacher
- Religion Board in the hallway is updated on a regular basis by a member of staff who volunteers to do same
- November Dead celebrated
- Holy Souls
- Advent Wreath and preparation for Christmas
- Christmas Carols, Nativity Plays
- Crib placed inside front door
- St. Brigid's Day celebrated-crosses made by children
- St Valentine's day-the Saint is discussed and facts learned about him
- Saints-other saints' feast days are marked and celebrated the choice of these days is left to the individual discretion of the class teachers and is appropriate for the age of the children in the class e.g. St Theresa, St Francis, and St Joseph etc.
- Ash Wednesday. Children from third to sixth go to Mass. Ashes are distributed to all the children in the school
- Stations of the Cross are put on Religion board for the season of Lent
- St Patrick's Day is celebrated
- Easter is celebrated –Christian symbols are discussed and displayed
- Confession throughout the year for classes from second class upwards. These children also go to Mass on those days- at least 4 times a year
- Choir rehearsals for Communion, Confirmation and Masses
- Stepping out service for infants
- First Confession
- Communion Day-communion breakfast
- Confirmation
- May Day is celebrated-Mary is crowned the Queen of the May
- End of year Mass for children leaving the school parents, teachers 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils and staff are at this Mass
- Children encouraged to be altar servers
- Pioneers
- Charity collections-Readathon - 3 charities helped each year
- Meetings regarding parish church events take place in the school
- Parish clergy visit the school on a regular basis
- Missionary clergy and sisters visit the school on occasion
- Lay people engaged in Christian Apostolic works also visit the school on occasion

Scoil Mhuire Primary School seeks at all times to be a warm and welcoming place, respectful and accommodating of diversity in race, culture, religion, gender and ability. We aim to promote equality in all areas and we strive to provide an inclusive learning environment responsive to the needs of all.

We invite you the parents/guardians to work in partnership with us, reinforcing the shared values that we espouse in Scoil Mhuire.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson of Board of Management

Date: \_\_\_\_\_