



Scoil Mhuire gan Smál, Ballymote, Co. Sligo

November 12th, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you all well.

I just want to take a moment to remind everyone of the importance of keeping your child at home if they are sick. I appreciate that this can cause difficulties in some cases in respect of child-minding arrangements, but it is crucial in ensuring our school continues to operate as normal. The temptation is there to send your child to school and hope for the best, but this is putting everyone's health at risk. Illness can spread very quickly in a classroom environment, resulting in widescale pupil and teacher absences. Substitute teachers are extremely difficult to find.

You will all be aware of the signs and symptoms of Covid-19 (Coronavirus) at this stage, but there are other viruses and bugs circulating also. To date, throughout this pandemic, we in Scoil Mhuire gan Smál have been able to continue with relatively minimum disruption. This is due to a huge collective effort from everybody.

Please continue to remain vigilant for any signs of illness in your child and follow the simple advice of keeping them at home until feeling better.

I would appreciate you reminding your child once again, of the importance of proper hand washing, sanitising and respiratory etiquette.

As always, thank you again for your continued co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

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