

A Chairde,

Fáilte romhaibh chuig Gaelscoil Mhuscraí. Tá súil againn gur treimhse taitneamhach tairbheach dúinn uile a bheidh sna blianta seo romhainn. Tá súil againn go mbeidh saol sona ag bhúr bpáiste i nGaelscoil Mhuscraí agus go mbeimis ag obair le chéile trí chomhoibriú agus comhthuisceant ar mhaithe le bunchloch daingean a leagan dó/di. I mí Mheáin Fomhair, 2002, a osclaíodh Gaelscoil Mhuscraí.



Is iad na háidhmeanna atá againn ná:

- Tuiscint agus léirthuisceant léirmheastach a chothú ar na luachanna morálta, spioradálta, sóisialta agus cultúrtha.
- Dearcadh dearfa taitneamhach i leith na Gaeilge a spreagadh agus a chinntiú go bhfaighidh óige na hEireann léargas cruinn ar a n-oidhreacht idirnáisiúnta agus Eorpach, chomh maith le léargas ar bhonn domhanda agus meas agus urraim don timpeallacht.
- Cuidiú leis na daltaí a bheith neamhspleách, caoinfhulangach, cinéalta agus comhoibritheach.
- Scileanna intleachta a fhorbairt chomh maith le spiorad na fiosracha agus an cumas chun anilís chriticiúil a dhéanamh.
- Scileanna cumarsáide m.sh. éisteacht, labhairt, léitheoireacht agus scríbhneoireacht i nGaeilge agus i mBéarla a fhorbairt.
- Eolas agus tuiscint a thabhairt do na daltaí ar choincheapa agus ar oibriú na matamaitice.
- Scileanna peannaireachta, céardaíochta, ceoil agus ealaíona cruthaitheacha eile a mhúineadh, chomh maith le meas agus tuiscint ar an áilleacht ilghnéitheach.
- Na daltaí a spreagadh chun taitneamh a bhaint as gníomhaíochtaí fisiciúla, as an rince, an dramaíocht, an ghluaiseacht ealaíonta, an mhím agus as scileanna caithimh aimsire agus cluichí.

“The object of education is to prepare the young to educate themselves throughout their lives.”

- *Robert M. Hutchins*

Ullmhú chun scoile:

Tá fáilte roimh thuismitheoirí na Naíonán Shóisir teacht isteach sa seomra ranga ar maidin i dteannta a bpáiste, ar feadh an chéad cúpla lá go dtí go mbeidh a bpáiste sócraithe faoi. Le himeacht ama, áfach, beidh na múinteoirí ag súil go bhfágfaidh na thuismitheoirí slán lena bpáiste ag príomhdhoras na scoile, ar mhaithe le neamhspleáchas a chothú ann nó inti. Is iad na hamanna scoile a bheidh ag Naíonáin Shóisir go ceann an chéad trí sheachtain ná óna 8.50 r.n. to dtí a 12.00 meán lae. Cuirfidh an tréimhse ghearr seo ar chumas na bpáistí nua socrú fúthu go héasca.



Ullmhú Réamhscoile:

Tá sé tábhachtach go ndéanfadh thuismitheoirí na bpáistí na rudaí seo a leanas sula dtosnaíonn na páistí ar scoil:

- Spéis san fhoghlaim a spreagadh ina bpáiste.
- Muinín a bpáiste ina chumas féin a fhorbairt.
- Timpeallacht baile a chruthú a spreagfar buanna agus cúmas fáis a bpáiste.
- Dearcadh dearfach i leith an mhúinteora agus na scoile a fhorbairt ina bpáiste.

“Develop a passion for learning. If you do so, you will never cease to grow.”

- Anthony D’Angelo

Ag tosú ar scoil:

Ba chóir do thuismitheoirí na rudaí seo a leanas a chinntiú:

- Ainm ar gach rud idir cóta, scairf, háta, mála scoile, bosca lóin, leabhair srl.
- Go bhfuil traenáil leithris ar a bpáiste (má cheapann tú go mbeidh fadhb ag do pháiste bá choir é a chur in iúl don mhúinteoir agus eadaí breise a chur sa mhála scoile).
- Go n-aithníonn a bpáiste a m(h)ála scoile féin, a b(h)osca lóin féin agus a f(h)leasc féin.
- Gur féidir lena bpáiste a chuid eadaí a bhaint agus a chur ar féin tar éis am súgartha na scoile i.e. cnáipí, beilteanna, sipeanna agus iallacha bróga a oscailt agus a dhúnadh.
- Gur féidir lena bpáiste gnáthdualgaisí an lae a dheánamh gan Mamaí/ Daidí/ Caomhnóir a bheith i láthair.



Sealbhú Teanga agus Sealbhú na Gaeilge:

Is í an Ghaeilge teanga na scoile idir pháistí, mhúinteoirí agus daoine fásta. Bíonn na paistí tumtha sa teanga ón gcéad lá ar scoil dóibh. Foghlaimíonn said tríd an gníomhaíocht. Ceaptar, trí sheans a thabhairt d'éisteacht le Gaeilge, go sealbhóidh sé an dara teanga, díreach mar a rinne leis an gcéad cheann trí éisteacht, trí thuiscint, trí aithint focal agus structúr agus de réir a chéile, trí fhrásaí agus abairtí a chur le chéile dó féin.

Bíonn an chaint búnaithe ar na rudaí a bhíonn ar súil ag an bpáiste, ar na breagáin agus an trealamh os a chomhair amach agus bíonn focail an mhúinteora sothuigte ón gcómhthéacs.

Déanfaidh an Múinteoir iarracht cumas cainte na bpáistí a fhorbairt, a gcuid Gaelige a shaihbhriú agus a bhfoclóir a leathnú trí scéalta, amhráin, cluichí agus rannta a chur i lathair, trí dhramaíocht agus gnáthchaint ar abháir shuime na bpáistí.

Tuismitheoirí:

Bíonn fáilte roimh thuismitheoirí í gcónaí agus is tábhachtach ar fad go dtuigfí don pháiste gur mhaith lena thuismitheoirí é a bheith ann agus an Ghaeilge a bheith a fhoghlaim aige.

Níor chóir aon eagla a bheith ar thuismitheoirí go ndéanfaí dochar do chéad teanga an pháiste. Bíonn dhá theanga (nó níos mó) á labhairt ag daoine ar fud an domhain gan aon chabhair ó scolaíocht is gan aon deacracht acu. Is féidir leo athrú ó theanga gan smaoinemh air, ag brath ar an abhár atá a phlé, ar an gcómhchainteoir, nó ar an suíomh.

Ní chuirtear isteach ar an gcéad teanga nuair a thosnaítear ar theanga eile a fhoghlaim – a mhalairt sin ar fad, leathnaítear ar an gcumas iomlán teanga. Is fearr a thuigeann an duine dátheangach cad is teanga ann agus bíonn sé níos oscailte do chórais nua.

Éisteacht agus tuiscint – is iad sin fréamhacha an chumáis chainte. Leathnófar amach de réir a chéile ar na céad fhrasaí agus tógfar as a chéile náthanna as na rannta agus na hamhráin agus tiocfaidh an lá ina bheidh an páiste in ann iad a usáid ina chomhthéacs féin.

Moltaí do thuismitheoirí:

- Is cóir iarracht mhór a dhéanamh (roinnt) Gaeilge a labhairt leis an bpáiste. Is féidir ionad lábhartha a dhéanamh – frasaí gearra a usáid (iad a fhoghlaim má's gá) ag eagrú an pháiste chun dul ann, ag beannú agus ag fágáil slán. D'fhéadfaí leas a bhaint freisin as uaireanta áirithe cosúil le béilí, am luí, siúlóid nó turas i gcar, chun a bheith ag cleachtadh ar an mbunábhar ón ngaelscoil.
- Taispéain do shuim féin don pháiste. Déan iarracht go fonnmhar. Is féidir spórt a bhaint as teanga nua; is féidir cluiche a dhéanamh as an bhfoghlaim.
- Féach ar aon chlár Gaeilge do pháistí atá ar an teilifís. Eistígí le chéile lena leithéid.
- Tabhair na páistí chuig aon dráma nó ócáid mar a mbeadh Gaeilge le cloisteáil.

Tuismitheoirí agus an Ghaeilge

Bíonn ranganna Gaeilge do thuismitheoirí ar siúl i rith na bliana dóibh siúd ar mhaith leo a gcuid Gaeilge a fheabhsú.

Liostaí Leabhair & Feilire Na Scoile

Cuirfear liosta leabhair amach roimh dheireadh na scoilbhliana. Is féidir leabhair a cheannach ó siopa leabhar Liam Ruiséil, Easons, High Street Books nó ar líne ar www.litriocht.com, schoolbooks.ie or 4schools.ie. Ceart na leabhair a bheith clúdaithe le

ainm do pháiste orthu. Bíonn ábhar cóipeála agus fearas ealaíne srl ar fáil ón scoil ar chostas €50. Clúdaíonn an táille chlárúcháin dona naíonáin é seo.

Cuirtear amach feilire na scoile i mí an Mheitheamh. agus tá sé ar fáil ar shuíomh na scoile; www.gaelscoilmuscraie.ie.

Obair Bhaile:

Tugtar obair bhaile agus obair léitheoireachta do na daltaí ón Luan go dtí an Déardaoin. Ba chóir do thuismitheoirí/chaomhnóirí an obair bhaile a riaradh agus a sheiceáil nuair a bhíonn sé déanta. Tá cóip dár bpolasaí Obair Bhaile ar fáil ón oifig agus ar shuíomh na scoile; www.gaelscoilmuscraie.ie faoin nasc ‘polasaithe’.



Corpoideachas:

Is é an Déardaoin an lá spóirt dona naíonáin sa scoil. Tá sé de dhualgas ar gach páiste éadaí spóirt na scoile a chaitheamh ar an lá seo amháin, bróga reatha san áireamh, dár ndóigh.

Éide Spóirt:

Tá culaith reatha speisialta ag an scoil. Caithfear é a chaitheamh ar laethanta a mbíonn corpoideachas ar siúl amháin i dteannta brógaí reatha.

Éide Scoile

Buachaillí	Cailíní
Bríste liath	Gúna Bacán
Geansaí V-mhúinéil glas	Cardigean glas
Léine bán	Léine bán
Carbhat glas	Carbhat glas

Moltar brógaí dubha gan iallacha do na naíonáin.

* *Caithfidh na daltaí ó Rang 1 – 6 ‘slipéirí’ ‘is iad laistigh den fhoirgneamh. Athróidh siad isteach iontu ar maidin sa halla agus cuirfidh siad orthu a b(h)róga arís, aon uair a bheidh siad ag dul amach.*

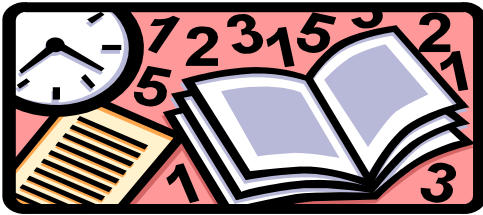
Polasaí Sláinteachas

Tógann na páistí éadach agus gallúnach isteach chuig an leithreas leo chun a lámha a ní ‘is a thriomiú. Tá an ‘mála leithreas’ pearsanta seo mar chuid de pholasaí sláinteachas na scoile. Ma tharlaíonn athrú ar seo, cuirfidh an múinteoir ranga in iúl.

Polasaí Lón Sláintiúil

Tá polasaí bia sláintiúil sa scoil. Bigí cinnte go mbíonn lón folláin ag bhur bpáistí gach lá chun cur lena gcumas foghlama i rith an lae scoile.

Amanna Scoile



08-50r.n.	Oscailt na Scoile
10-50r.n. – 11-00r.n.	Sos na Maidine
12-30i.n. – 1-00i.n.	Lón
1-30i.n.	Téann naíonáin abhaile
2-30i.n.	Téann páistí ó ranganna eile abhaile

Tá sé fiorthabhachtach go mbailítear an dalta ón scoil ag 1.30 i.n. / 2.30 i.n. ar an bpointe. Bíonn feitheoireacht sa halla óna 8.30 – 8.50i.n. Níl an scoil freagrach as aon dhalta roimh 8.30i.n.

Teagmháil Baile / Scoile

Téann nuachtlitreacha dé-theangach abhaile go rialta le nuacht ón scoil. Cuirtear na nuachtlitreacha seo amach i bhfoirm ríomhphost freisin leis an seoldadh ríomhphost atá tugtha ar fhoirm shonraí na scoilbhliana a chuirtear amach ag tus na bliana. Téann téacsanna amach ó am go chéile chun eolas tábhachtach a chur in iúl. Úsáidtear uimhir an mháthair óna sonraí na scoilbhliana don seirbhís seo. Tá sé tábhachtach chun cur in iúl d’oifig na scoile má thagann athrú ar do shonraí teagmhála i rith na scoilbhliana. Bíonn cruinnithe na dtuistí ar siúl i mí na Samhna agus seoltar tuairisc scoile abhaile ag

deireadh na bliana. Eagraítear cuinnithe nuair is gá i rith na scoilbhliana freisin. Úsáidtear an dialann obair bhaile mar mhodh cumarsáide laethúla. Tá cóip dár bpolasaí ‘Tuismitheoirí mar Pháirtneirí’ ar fáil ó shuíomh na scoile www.gaelscoilmuscraie.ie faoin nasc ‘polasaithe’.

Tinreamh

Tá tinreamh iontach i nGaelscoil Mhuscraí. Déanann an Bórd Leasa Oideachais Náisiúnta monatóireacht ar thinreamh scoile agus caithfidh an scoil iad a chur ar an eolas má tá páistí as láthair i gcomhair 20 lá nó níos mó. Caithfidh nóta a bheith scríthe chuig an múinteoir ranga má tá do pháiste í as láthair nó imithe i gcomhair cuid den lá. Is féidir é seo a thabhairt don mhúinteoir nuair a fhilleann an páiste nó roimh an asláithreacht más féidir. Usáid dialann Obair Bhaile do pháiste. Aithnítear tinreamh iontach ag deireadh na scoilbhliana. Tá cóip dár bpolasaí tinreamh ar fáil ón oifig scoile nó ar ár suíomh www.gaelscoilmuscraie.ie faoin nasc ‘polasaithe’.

Cód Rialbhéasa agus Smachta

Caithfear glacadh le Cód Rialbhéasa agus Smachta na Scoile le haghaidh rollacháin. Tá sé ar fáil ar shuíomh na scoile www.gaelscoilmuscraie.ie faoin nasc ‘polasaithe’.

Timpistí:

Beidh fearas garchabhrach sa scoil i gconaí agus usáidfeadh é má bhaineann timpiste d’aon pháiste sa chlós nó sa seomra ranga. Má tharlaíonn drochthimpiste do pháiste ar bith, cuirfeadh glaoch ar a tuismitheoirí agus mura féidir teacht orthu tabharfar an páiste go dtí an t-ospidéal láithreach. Tá sé fiorthábhachtach go mbeidh teacht ar thuismitheoir/chaomhnóir i gcás timpiste nó tinneas. Ba chóir uimhir teilifóin éigin a chur ar an bhfoirm iontrála. Maidir le riaradh leighis caithfear cead a lorg ón mBord Bainistíochta agus foirm slánaíochta a líonadh. Tá cóip dár bpolasaí riaradh leighis ar fáil ó hoifig na scoile.

Tá súil agam go gcabhraíonn an leabhar seo libh agus go mbainfidh do pháiste taitneamh agus tairbhe as Gaelscoil Mhuscraí.

Beir bua agus beannacht,

Is mise le meas,

Mairéad Uí Chárthaigh
(Príomhoide Feidhmeannach)

A Chairde,

Welcome to Gaelscoil Mhuscraí. We hope that the next few years will be happy and worthwhile experience for all of us - children, parents, and teachers. We aspire that your child's time in Gaelscoil Mhuscraí will be very happy and that by co-operation and mutual understanding between home and school, we shall work together to lay firm foundations for your child.

Gaelscoil Mhuscraí was first opened in September 2002.



Our Objectives are:

- To foster an understanding and critical appreciation of the values - moral, spiritual, religious, social and cultural.
- To promote a positive attitude towards our language and culture by ensuring that Ireland's young people acquire a keen awareness of their National and European heritage and identity, coupled with a global awareness and a respect and care for the environment.
- To nurture a sense of personal identity, self-esteem and awareness of one's particular abilities, aptitudes and limitations, combined with a respect for the rights and beliefs of others.
- To develop intellectual skills combined with a spirit of inquiry and the capacity to analyse critically and constructively.
- To acquire and improve skills of communication and social interaction, e.g. listening, speech, reading and writing, in both Irish and English.
- To acquire a knowledge and understanding of the basic mathematical concepts and operations.
- To develop expressive, creative and artistic abilities to the individuals full capacity.
- To encourage an enjoyment of physical activities, dance, drama, music, movement, mime and other recreational game skills.

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Pre-school Preparation:

While children are at home it is important that parents/ guardians:

- Stimulate an enthusiasm for learning.
- Develop a child's confidence in his own ability to achieve.
- Provide a climate which encourages a child's talents and ability to grow.
- Develop a positive attitude towards school and teacher.



Starting in School:

- Make sure your child's property i.e. coat, hat, scarf is labeled with your child's name.
- Make sure that s/he is properly toilet trained (if you feel that your child might have a problem in this area please put extra clothing into your child's school bag and notify the teacher).
- Can dress and undress him/ herself following school playtime.
- Recognise his/her own schoolbag, lunch box and beaker.
- Can perform normal daily routine tasks without Parents/ Guardian being present.

Irish in the All-Irish Primary School:

Irish is the spoken language in the school. Children starting school are immersed in the language from their first day in school and learn through activity. The idea is that s/he will acquire this second language in the way in which s/he acquired the first - by understanding, listening, isolating structures and eventually producing words, phrases and sentences.



There are advantages to be gained from exposure to a second language at this level. The activities and the language connected with them are based on real toys and equipment; words are self-explanatory or can be linked to actions and recurring events. The new language is associated with a person, a place and certain activities.

The Múinteoir aims to develop the speaking ability of the children and to extend their vocabulary in a fun filled and stimulating manner using a multi-faceted approach (eg. by introducing them to stories, songs, interactive games, poetry and drama).

Parents/Guardians:

It is of vital importance to a child learning a language that his/ her parents/ guardians are favorably disposed towards that language and so it is of great significance that the child understands that his/ her parents want him/ her to learn Irish.

There is no basis for the fear that a child's first language loses by exposure to a second. On the contrary, the total language ability is promoted. The experience here and in other countries has been that children do not get confused. They have no problems in separating one language from the other. The first simple phrases will eventually be extended, pieces from songs and rhymes will be analysed and stored for future use. The day will come when s/he will be able to adopt what they have heard to his/ her own contexts.

Recommendations for Parents/Guardians:

- Every effort should be made to speak Irish to your child and to the Múinteoir. Practice some simple phrases getting the child ready, greeting the Múinteoir and saying goodbye. Mealtimes, bedtimes, walks, journeys in a car are good opportunities for using these simple phrases because they occur frequently and extend the child's experiences of events to which Irish can be connected.
- Show your interest to your child and do it cheerfully. A new language is fun; you can make a game of it. Get some books, tapes and posters.
- Watch any children programmes in Irish on television.
- Take the children to any play or any other event where they may hear some Irish.

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Getting Ready:

"Tús maith, leath na hoibre"

Parents/guardians of junior infants are very welcome to come into the classroom for the first few days until the child has settled in school. However, in time, it is hoped, in an

effort to encourage independence, that parents will say ‘goodbye’ to their child at the front door. For the first three weeks, junior infants will come to school at 8.50 a.m. and will go home at 12.00 noon. This shorter time will enable infants to settle in school with ease.

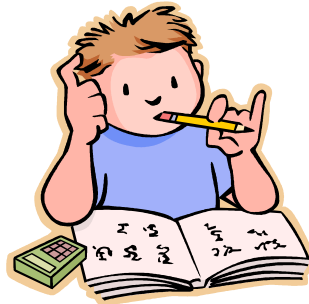
Parents/ Guardians and Irish:

- If you feel your Irish has become rusty and needs ‘brushing up’, you are more than welcome to join other parents/guardians by attending lessons in spoken Irish that are held during the school year. These classes range from beginners to a more advanced level. Details of classes will be given to parents at the beginning of the school year.

Book Lists & School Calendar:

Booklists are distributed in June. Books can be bought from Liam Russells Bookshop, Easons, High Street Books or online at www.litrioht.com , schoolbooks.ie or 4schools.ie. Books should be covered with contact or some other protective covering. It is also important to clearly label all books and copybooks. Art and craft materials etc. will be supplied by the school. The €50 registration for Junior Infants covers the Art/Craft/Photocopying expenses for the year.

The holiday schedule for the school year is distributed to all Parents/Guardians in June. It is also available on the school website.



Homework:

Homework is given from Monday to Thursday in the infant classes. It is important that parents/guardians check and sign the homework every night. A copy of our homework policy is available from the school office or on our website www.gaelscoilmhuscraie.ie under the ‘Policies’ tab.

Physical Education:

Full school tracksuit must be worn on P.E. day. In September, this will be Thursday for the infant classes. We will inform you of changes as they occur. Buckley's Drapery on Shandon Street supplies our school uniform and school tracksuit. Full school uniform and black shoes must be worn on every other school day.

School Uniform:

Buachaillí	Cailíní
Grey Pants	Tartan pinafore
Green V-neck jumper	Green Cardigan
White shirt	White shirt
Green tie	Green tie

* Black Shoes / runners without laces are advised for infants.

** Pupils in first to sixth are to wear 'slippers' or plimsolls/indoor shoes when inside. They change into these in the hall in the morning. They change out of them anytime they are going outdoors. This eliminates accidents from wet or slippery shoes and also helps to keep our carpet clean.*

Personal Hygiene Policy

Each pupil is required to bring their own cloth/small towel and soap/hand-wash into the toilet with them to wash and dry their hands with. This toilet bag is part of the school's hygiene policy.

Healthy Eating Policy

Gaelscoil Mhuscraí implements a Healthy Eating Policy. We encourage you to give your child a healthy packed lunch every day, such as fruit, salad, brown bread, yogurt, cheese, crackers, milk, water etc. Sweets, biscuits, cakes, crisps and fizzy drinks are not permitted. A healthy lunch improves children's concentration and therefore aids their learning throughout the day

School Hours:

08-50a.m.	Classes Commence
10-50a.m. – 11-00a.m.	Morning Break
12-30p.m. – 1-00p.m.	Lunch
1-30p.m.	End of school day for infants
2-30p.m.	End of school day for senior classes

It is of vital importance that each child is collected from school at the appropriate time.

Students are supervised in the school hall from 8.30am to 8.50am. No responsibility is accepted for pupils arriving before that time.

Home/School Communication

Bi-lingual school newsletters are regularly sent home with information about school events. These newsletters are emailed home using one family email address from the 'Pupil Detail Forms' that are filled out at the start of the school year. The newsletters are also available to view on our school website. Texts are sent using the text-a-parent service to remind parents of important school events or to relay urgent information. We use your child's mother's number, provided in the Pupil Detail Forms, for this service. It is important that the school office is informed if alternate numbers are required or if contact details change during the year. Parent-teacher meetings occur every November. School reports are sent home in June every year. Meetings may be arranged at any other times through contacting your child's teacher. The homework journal is used as a means of communication between teachers and parents. A copy of our policy 'Parents as Partners' is available from the school office or school website www.gaelscoilmuscraie.ie under the 'Policies' tab.

Attendance

Gaelscoil Mhuscraí has excellent school attendance. School attendance is monitored by the National Educational Welfare Board and the school is required, by law, to keep the N.E.W.B. informed of concerns regarding attendance and the names of all children who accumulate 20 absences or more. A written note must be provided for all your child's absences or if he/she is leaving school during the school day. This should be given directly to your child's teacher on the day the child returns to school or in advance of the absence, if possible. Please use the absence slips provided in your child's Dialann Obairbhaile. Excellent pupil attendance is awarded at the end of every school year. A copy of our Attendance Policy can be accessed on our school website at www.gaelscoilmuscraie.ie under the 'Policies' tab.

Code of Behaviour

Gaelscoil Mhuscraí's Code of Behaviour must be adopted by every parent prior to enrolling their child. A copy of this Code is available on the school website under the 'Policies' tab.

Accidents

If your child has a fall or injury during play, first aid will be administered, usually by the teacher. In the case of a serious accident, parents/guardians will be contacted by telephone. Please ensure that an emergency telephone number is written on your child's enrolment form. If you cannot be contacted, an ambulance will take the child to hospital.

With regard to the administration of medicine written consent must be sought from our school Board of Management along with a completed indemnity form. A copy of our Administration of Medicine policy is available on request from the school office.

We are always happy to meet our parents. However, we ask you not to interrupt the days work by popping into the classroom just to have a word. Arrange to meet the teacher at a mutually suitable time. The school day is short and every moment is precious.

I hope that this booklet has been of help to you and your child and that you enjoy your time with us at Gaelscoil Mhuscraí.

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