Hello to all Scoil Mhuire na mBuachaillí Parents/Guardians/Pupils,

I hope this letter finds you all healthy as we progress towards the various stages of returning to what the media call “The new normal”. As a school community, this has been a difficult period for everyone and I thank you all sincerely for your co-operation during this time. Boys have been working at the schoolwork laid out each week by their teachers and many have been engaging with teachers and SNAs on Seesaw. We’ve tried to take a measured approach to the current situation and will strive to do so again through the months ahead, where we will face many challenges.

We are now nearing the end of the school year for 19-20, which will occur on Thursday 25th June. We will continue with weekly work up until Friday 19th June and then wind things down with fun items for the last week. Therefore, we will have work sent out for three days next week and then two weeks of five days, thirteen days in all. At this time of the year we would be in the throes of many activities at school such as Lunchtime Leagues, School Sports, School Tours, Swimming gala, Hardy Cup and Parents Association Cup to name but a few. I feel for all the boys who are missing school and these activities and in particular, I feel sorry for our 6th classes who are missing out on these events and who can’t end their days in the Boys School in the normal way.

We will organise with you in June for the return of all schoolbooks during the week of June 22nd - 25th, in a manner, which will respect the social distancing at that time, and that does not break the restrictions as laid down for Covid-19. We might be in a position at that stage to lay out the details and conditions of the re-opening of the school for the 20-21 year. We are currently taking precautionary measures in the school buildings to try to prepare for the 20-21 school year as we await further direction from Department of Education.

As restrictions ease and a pathway for a return to school becomes clear, I will advise everyone of what our situation will look like. Items such as the class booklists, requisites needed in class for the new school year, lunches, school year calendar for 20-21, will all be clarified, when we are in possession of all the facts.

We will ensure that the health and safety of all school staff and pupils is to the forefront in all the decisions that we have to make.

I will advise you of developments as and when they happen, so stay safe and keep following the guidelines for the safety of everyone.

Yours sincerely

Eamon Mc Eneaney

Principal