

After School Activity - Policy

Introduction

In Scoil Mhuire GNS, we try to provide after-school activities at a reasonable rate so that they are accessible to all.

Aims:

Our aim is to encourage the girls to join in activities that are available locally so that they might continue into their teen years. The Activities available here in Scoil Mhuire are chosen as a means of developing interests that can be creative, sociable, sporting and lifelong.

We also work closely with the Clubs in the locality to support activity now and into the teenage years and these include:

- Clannagael Fontenoy
- Railway Union
- Pembroke

Below you will find the list of activities currently available.

All teachers, whether members of Scoil Mhuire Staff or visiting teachers are Garda Vetted.

All teachers provide their own public liability insurance for these activities.

All teachers must provide their own Safeguarding Statement to the Board of Scoil Mhuire and this must meet the standards of the Safeguarding Statement of Scoil Mhuire.

Teachers providing an after-school activity outside of core school hours are fully responsible for the children in their care.

Terms and Conditions for a License to use the premises or grounds are available on request from the school, and any application for same must be ratified by the Board of Management.

Scoil Mhuire is not responsible for the children in these classes with the exception of

- Morning and Afternoon Care which is provided by the Board of Management of Scoil Mhuire
- GAA training which is free and is covered by the Board of Management of Scoil Mhuire

Morning and Afternoon Care provided by the Board of Management

Morning Care service from 8.15 - 8.50 a.m. This is at a cost of €7 per morning.

We also provide an **Afternoon Care Service for Junior and Senior Infants from 1.30-2.30p.m.** at a cost of €5 per afternoon.

While booking is essential this is on a 'pay by use' basis and parents/guardians are not asked for a full monthly payment regardless of uptake. Settlement with cash is expected on a weekly basis and this is much appreciated.

For any queries or issues arising with other activities you must contact the service provider directly in each case.

Timetable

The days may change but they will be advertised early in September. Dates of commencement will vary but you will be informed as soon as possible.

After School Activities include:

(Details of times and length of terms will be available from the contact person)

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Classes</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Ballet	Wednesday	Jun Inf- 6th class.	Cathy Dooley 0872399606
Irish Dancing	Tues/Thursday	Jun Inf - 6th class.	Olive Hurley 0868314888
Drama	Friday	1st - 6th class	Mary Hennessy 0872551223
Homework Club	Mon-Thurs(4days)	2nd - 6th class.	Ms.McPhillips in school.
Tennis	Tuesday	Jun Inf- 6th class	Annette Barron 0863791212
Hockey	Tuesday	2nd - 6th class	Ms.McPhillips in school
Art and Craft	Mon/Wed	1st - 3rd	Ms. Hughes/Ms. Reid in school
GAA **	Mon/Wed	3rd - 6th class	Mr. Cleary in school
Campa Spraioi	1 week in July	Jun/Sen	Infants

Remember to check the website and /or your email regularly as other after school activities will come on stream from time to time.

GAA **

We are pleased to announce a new and more developed connection with G.A.A. Clannagael Fontenoy, and it is a privilege that we can benefit from their input into schools. This programme has been expanded to include all classes, starting with Junior Infants and is rolled out on a modular basis throughout the school year.

The GAA Coach provides skills training and forms part of the curriculum requirement of one hour per week for P.E. The coaches have also been very supportive of the in-school football league, Sports Day and inter school matches.

Arrival and dismissal - After School Activities

- Children go directly to Homework Club which is held on Monday to Thursday in Mr. Cleary's Room in the Orange Corridor.
- Children go directly to the playground for Football.
- Children gather in the hall to go to Railway Union for Hockey.
- Children go to the hall/playground for tennis
- Children go directly to the hall for Ballet or Irish Dancing.
- Children are not allowed to return to their own classroom or to be in other rooms where there is no supervision.
- Children must be supervised at all times by the Service provider.
- When class ends it is the responsibility of each teacher to supervise the safe and orderly dismissal of children.
- If a child is not collected on time it is the responsibility of the teacher in charge to contact parents/guardians and to remain with the child until she is collected. Repeated incidents of late collection will result in parents/guardians being notified by both the teacher and/or the Board of Management that this is not an acceptable or safe situation and continued attendance at the activity will only be granted if the agreed times of collection are respected. This is a matter of Health and Safety and Insurance.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

This policy will be reviewed on a regular basis and at the request of teachers, parents and the Board of Management.

Success will be rated based on

- Attendance
- Achievement
- Enjoyment
- Efficient and safe running of programmes

Ratified by the Board of Management following an update by the Teaching Staff and Staff as a whole in February 2018.

Signed: _____ Date : _____

Josephine Henry
Chairperson.