

Room No: ____

Charter for Volunteers 2017/2018

Scoil Mhuire Junior

Why am I doing this?

Being a volunteer is one of the most important ways a person can contribute to a school. Working as a volunteer requires a willingness to give of personal time and talents. Volunteers should be able to say yes to the following statements:

- I want to help the school to help the children
- I want to help the children to play and learn 'Play is the work of children'
- I am offering my time, and my experience as a parent/community member to support the work of teachers and staff of the school.
- I want to improve the quality of experience for each child in the school.
- I enjoy working with children, showing care and giving time.

What rules will I observe?

Ground rules are important for any human activity from sport to government. These are the ground rules for our volunteers:

- I will work with each child in the presence of others in the open areas of the school classroom, halls or staffroom.
- I will always be positive and encouraging to each child that I work with regardless of background, class or creed.
- I will respect the confidences of each child, and family.
- I will not discuss any child's behaviour or problem other than with the principal.
- I will report any matter that shows a child's safety to be under threat to a teacher.
- I will try to inform the school or make alternative arrangements if I cannot meet commitments.

How will I use what I learn?

Every volunteer learns and benefits from their experiences as a volunteer. Some pointers for volunteers in how to use their experience are as follows.

- If I want to opt out of volunteering I will do so by telling the teacher. I should feel under no pressure to continue as a volunteer if I no longer enjoy it or cannot stay at it.
- If I see something that would help I will make a constructive suggestion to a staff member or a parents representative.
- I will share the positive aspects of my experience with others without breaching confidences.
- I agree to have my named cleared by Gardai.

Signed: _____ **. Date:** _____

If you would like to meet to another volunteer we can arrange it.