

<b>Report on</b>	Santa visit to Primary Schools in the Mid Ulster District
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To inform members of a special visit from Santa to all the Primary School children in Mid Ulster, Christmas 2020.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	Since March 2020 the country has witness a pandemic like no other. Covid- 19 has affected everyone from young and old with restrictions and lockdowns and most certainly had a major impact on the normal Christmas celebrations delivered by the Council.
2.2	Due to the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic the Council took the prudent decision to cancel all corporate events in the lead up to Christmas, which included the Santa's Grotto in the Burnavon and all the town centre Christmas events normally planned.  In addition to the Virtual Switch on the tourism department decided to organise a socially distance visit from Santa, distributing chocolate treats to all 106 primary schools in Mid Ulster District.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	Santa's visit to all the primary schools commenced during the last two weeks in November and the first week in December. All primary schools were contacted and were given a date and time when Santa and his helper would be calling for a visit to their school. Restrictions due to Covid-19 were also issued stating the duration of the visit and the current Covid-19 guidelines.
3.2	During the time all schools were visited with excellent feedback from both parents, teachers and off course the children.
3.3	In previous years during the town centre Christmas events, chocolate has been circulated out to crowds, and this year when Santa visited the schools, chocolate treats were distributed to the school children, therefore this project did not incur any additional costs.

<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<p><b><u>Financial &amp; Human Resources Implications</u></b></p> <p>Financial: Budget found with the existing events budget.</p> <p>Human: Current staff structure sufficient to manage the project.</p>
<b>4.2</b>	<p><b><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></b></p> <p>N/A</p>
<b>4.3</b>	<p><b><u>Risk Management Implications</u></b></p> <p>The project was managed in accordance with MUDC policies and procedures</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	N/A
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
	<p>Feedback from some of the schools in the District</p> <p>Hello Mary</p> <p>I just wanted to pass on our thanks- the children thoroughly enjoyed the visit today- I had sent a text to parents saying there would be a treat but didn't say what it would be- the children were really thrilled and the selection boxes went down very well too! I have received a few messages from parents this evening to pass on their thanks- I had shared a video clip for parents on our Seesaw account and photos on our website.</p> <p>Thanks again</p> <p>Catherine</p> <p>St. Joseph's Killeenan</p>

 **Derrychrin PS** @Derrychrin... · 18 Nov

Big thank you to @MidUlster\_DC for ensuring Santa & his elf got to visit all the boys & girls in @DerrychrinPS - we promise to be very good! 🎄👶



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 **Mid Ulster Council** @MidUlster\_DC

Replying to @DerrychrinPS

Oh Santa knows you will be!! 🙌

11:37 am · 18 Nov 2020 · Twitter Web App

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St. Peter's Moortown @Stp... · 18 Nov

There was great excitement on Tuesday 17th November when Santa and his helper came to visit the lovely boys and girls in St. Peter's and deliver selection boxes for all. Many thanks to Mid-Ulster District Council @MidUlster\_DC



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Replying to @StpetersMoor

Ho Ho Ho! Glad everyone enjoyed the visit!

11:45 am · 18 Nov 2020 · Twitter Web App