

# Gaelscoil Ilchreidmheach nua i mBaile an Chollaigh

## Polasaí Rollacháin

### Réamhrá:

Tá an polasaí seo á chur le chéile i gcomhthéacs an Acht Oideachais 1998. Tá an Pátrún tar éis é a chur le chéile chun cabhrú le tuismitheoirí páistí a chlárú sa scoil. Beidh an Príomhoide, sásta aon cheisteanna a fhreagairt a bhaineann leis an bpolasáí seo. Má tá aon difear idir an leagan Béarla agus an leagan Gaeilge den pholasáí seo tabharfar túis áite don leagan Gaeilge.

### An scoil:

- Gaelscoil ilchreidmheach, faoi phátrúnacht “Foras Pátrúnachta na Scoileanna LánGhaeilge Teo.”
- Scoil atá ag forbairt
- Bunscoil do bhuachaillí agus do chailíní.
- Scoil atá ag brath ar dheontais agus acmhainní mhúinteora ón Roinn Oideachais agus Scileanna. Beidh an scoil ag feidhmiú faoi rialacha na Roinne. Braitheann an Polasaí lonrála ar na hacmhainní agus ar an airgead atá ar fáil ag aon am. Braitheann an méid Naónán a ghlactar leo ar spás sa scoil agus uasmhéis dalta in aon rang.
- Leanfaidh an scoil an Curaclam Bunscoile mar atá leagtha amach ag an Roinn Oideachais agus Scileanna.

I gcomhthéacs Rialacha agus Chlár na Roinne, Chearta an Phatrúin mar a leagtar amach san Acht Oideachais 1998 tacaíonn an scoil leis na prionsabail a leanas:

1. Uileghabhálacht, go háirithe maidir le páistí a chlárú faoi míchumas éigin nó riachtanas oideachais speisialta
2. Comhionannas i dtaobh áit a fháil sa scoil agus ról iomlán a ghlacadh sa scoil
3. Rogha tuismitheoirí maidir le clárú a p(h)áiste
4. Meas ar éagsúlacht luachanna, creideamh, traidisiún, teangacha agus slite beatha

Bunaíodh an scoil le freastal ar an éileamh do bhunoideachais Lán-Ghaeilge. Tugtar túis áite sa scoil dá bhrí sin, do pháistí a thógtar le Gaeilge. Tugtar áiteanna do pháistí a thógtar le teangacha eile chomh maith.

### Clárú:

1. Ní mór foirm iarratais a líonadh.
2. Ní mór do pháistí a bheith ceithre bliana d'aois roimh nó ar an 1ú Meán Fómhair sa bliain a thosóidh an páiste ar scoil,
3. Cuirfear in ord na hiarratais de réir na critéir a leanas

Iarrtar ar na tuismitheoirí/na caomhnóirí foirm iarratais a líonadh isteach agus í a sheoladh ar ais chun na scoile (nó chuig an bpátrún ag túis ama).

Clárófar ainm an dalta ansin ar liosta réamh-chláraithe na bliana cuí. Ní hionann foirm réamh-chláraithe chomhlánaithe agus dearbhú go mbeidh áit ar fáil sa scoil.

Agus an foirm iarratais faigte ag an scoil, seolfar litir admhála chuig na tuismitheoirí/na caomhnóirí, a luath agus is féidir, ag rá go bhfuil a bpáiste cláraithe ar ár liosta réamh-chláraithe don bhliain chuí agus go mbeifear i dteagháil leo arís.

Déanfar scagadh ar na foirmeacha iarratais. Tabharfar tús áite san ord seo a leanas:

1. Páistí atá á dtógáil le Gaeilge\*
2. Páiste le deartháir, deirfiúr, leathshiblín, páiste altrama nó páiste uchtaithe acu cláraithe sa scoil ag an seoladh céanna
3. Páistí in ord aoise, is sine i dtosach.

\*Sa chás gur mian le tuismitheoirí go n-áireofaí a páiste mar pháiste atáthar á t(h)ógáil le Gaeilge is féidir go n-iarrfaí ar an tuismitheoir teacht chun na scoile leis an bpáiste le léiriú d'ionadaithe an údarás scoile gurb í an Ghaeilge an teanga cumarsáide eatarthu. Má dhiúltáítear an páiste a áireamh mar pháiste atáthar á t(h)ógáil le Gaeilge is féidir achomharc i scríbhinn a dhéanamh chuig an údarás laistigh de sheachtain amháin ón scéal a fháil. Is ag an údarás scoile a bheidh an cinneadh deireanach.

Nuir a bhíonn na háiteanna ar fad líonta, cuirfear é seo in iúl do na Tuismitheoirí/ na Caomhnóirí eile agus déarfar leo go bhfuil a bpáistí ar an liosta feithimh.

Má bhíonn spás ann ina dhiaidh sin, is ar bhonn an aois is sine, astu siúd ar an liosta feithimh, a dháilfear na háiteanna.

Glahtar leis go gcuirtear páistí chun na scoile toisc go dteastaíonn óna dtuismitheoirí go gcuirfear oideachas ar na bpáistí tríd an gCóras Luath-Thumoideachas iomlán go dtí tús Rang a haon.

Déanfaidh údarás na scoile cinneadh maidir leis an lón daltaí a ghlaicfar sna Naónáin Bheaga ó bhliain go bliain. Cuirfear clárúchán iomlán na scoile agus spás ar fáil san fhoirgneamh san áireamh, chomh maith le haon imlitreacha ón Aire agus an cinneadh seo á dhéanamh.

Iarrfar ar na Tuismitheoirí/ na Caomhnóirí a chur in iúl don scoil i scríbhinn, go bhfuil sé i gceist acu glacadh leis an áit sin.

### **Aistriú go Naónáin Bheaga:**

Sa chás ina bhfuil páiste ag iarraidh aistriú go Naónáin Bheaga i rith na bliana, caithfear cinntíú go bhfuil spás ann dó/di agus nach bhfuil aon duine ón liosta feithimh fós ag lorg áite.

### **Páistí faoi mhíchumas nó le riachtanais speisialta oideachais:**

Ba cheart iarratas ar áit sa scoil do pháistí faoi mhíchumas nó páistí a bhfuil riachtanas speisialta oideachais acu a dhéanamh ar an bhfoirm iarratais chaighdeánach.

### **Polasaí Luath-Thumoideachas Iomlán:**

Tá Polasaí Luath-thumoideachais iomlán á chur i bhfeidhm mar a mholann Patrún na scoile, An Foras Pátrúnachta.

'Is é sin, ón qcéad lá sna Naíonáin Beaga, labhraítear Gaeilge leis an bpáiste – Gaeilge amháin a labhraítear leis an bpáiste go dtí tús an chéad téarma i Rang a haon. Ní dhéantar staidéar ar Bhéarla go dtí an chéad téarma i Rang a haon.'

Léirítéar i dtaighde i dtíortha eile a bhaineann úsáid as luath-thumoideachas iomlán go láidríonn an tús seo an dara teanga (Gaeilge sa chás seo) agus nach ndéanann sé dochar don chéad teanga.

Tá trí shnáithe sa Churaclam Béarla, labhairt, léitheoireacht agus scríbhneoiréacht. Déantar an léitheoireacht agus an scríbhneoiréacht trí mheán na Gaeilge sa scoil seo ar dtús agus léirítéar ón taighde agus ón ár dtaithí féin go n-aistríonn na scileanna seo atá foghlamtha sa dara teanga (Gaeilge), go dtí an chéad teanga (Béarla) nuair a thosaítear ar i Rang a haon.

Má ghlacann tú le háit sa scoil seo, tuigtear le húdarás na scoile go nglacann tú leis agus go dtacaíonn tú leis an bpolasaí seo.

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## **Enrolment Policy**

### **Introduction:**

This policy is being formulated in the context of the 1998 Education Act. The patron created this policy in order to assist parents enrolling their children in the school. The School Principal will be happy to answer any questions in relation to this policy. Where the Irish and English versions of this policy are at variance with one another the Irish version is deemed to be binding.

### **School details:**

- Multi-denominational Gaelscoil under patronage of “Foras Pátrúnachta na Scoileanna LánGhaeilge Teo.”
- Developing school
- Primary school for boys and girls
- A school depending on grants and teacher resources from the Department of Education and Skills. The school will operate under DES rules. The Enrolment Policy depends on the resources and funding available at any time. The number of children offered places will depend on available space in the school and the overall number of pupils in the school.
- The school will follow the National School Curriculum as laid out by the Department of Education and Skills.

In the context of the rules and programmes of the DES, the rights of the Patron as laid out in the Education Act, and the funding and resources available to the school, we support the following principles.

1. Inclusivity, especially with respect to registering children with a disability or with special educational needs
2. Equality in getting a place in the school and taking part fully in school life
3. Parents' right to register their child
4. Respect for different values, religions, traditions, languages and ways of life

The school was founded to provide Primary Education through Irish. In the allocation of school places preference is therefore given to children who are being brought up through Irish. Places can also be offered to children being brought up through other languages.

### **Enrolment of Junior Infants:**

1. An application form must be completed and returned to the school.
2. Pupils will be four years of age by or on September 1st in the year of starting in Junior Infants,
3. Applications will be ordered according to the following criteria

Parents/ Guardians who wish to apply should complete and submit an application form.

The child will be placed on the pre-enrolment list for the appropriate year. The completion of an application form does not in any way guarantee a place will be available in the school.

A letter confirming receipt of the application form will be sent to all parents/guardians as soon as possible after receipt of same.

Letters of offer will be then sent to parents strictly according to the criteria set out below.

**First preference will be given to:**

1. Children being brought up through Irish\*
2. Children who have a sibling, step-sibling, foster child or adopted child registered in the school at the same address
3. Children in order of age, eldest first

\*Where parents wish their child to be counted in the Children who are being raised as Irish speakers' category they will be asked to attend the school with their child to satisfy the school authority that Irish is the language of communication between them. If the authority's representatives recommend that the child not be counted in this category the parents may appeal in writing to the authority within one week of receiving the notification. The authority's decision will be final in this matter.

When all the places have been allocated, the remaining parents / guardians will be informed that their child's name is being placed on a waiting list.

Should a place become available after this, places to those on the waiting list will be offered according to age; eldest first.

It is the view of the patron that children are sent to the school because their parents decide that they want their children to be educated through Total Early Immersion in Irish until the beginning of 1st class.

The school authority will determine the number of children to be enrolled in Junior Infants on a yearly basis. The school's enrolment, the available space in the building and any circulars from the Minister will be taken into consideration in taking this decision.

The parents / guardians are asked to confirm in writing that they wish to accept the place offered to their child.

### **Transferring to Junior Infants:**

If the situation arises that a child applies to transfer into Junior Infants, it must be ascertained that there is a space available and that there is no longer anyone from the waiting list who wishes to take the place.

### **Children with a disability or other Special Education Need:**

Application for enrolment of children with a disability or other educational need should be made on the standard application form.

### **Policy of Total Early Immersion:**

In our school, we implement a policy of total early immersion as recommended by our patron, An Foras Pátrúnachta.

This means that from the first day in Junior Infants, only Irish is spoken to the children until the beginning of the first term of 1st class. There is no English taught until the first term in 1st class.

Research done in other countries that use the early total immersion method of teaching shows that this method gives the new second language (Irish in this case) a stronger start and it does not damage the development of the first language (English).

There are three strands in the English Curriculum, Oral Language, Reading and Writing. The Reading and Writing is begun through Irish in this school and we see from the international research and our own experience that the skills learned in the second language (Irish) transfer across to the first language (English) when it is begun in Senior Infants.

**When you accept a place in this school, the school authority understand that you are supporting and accepting this policy.**