



16 Samhain 2017

SCRÚDÚ AISTRITHE TRANSFER TEST

A Thuismitheoir, a chara,

As you are aware your child has spent their nursery and primary school years learning through the medium of Irish and hopefully you have witnessed the many benefits your child has reaped as a result. It has been brought to my attention, however, that a number of parents are considering entering children for the Transfer Test through the medium of English. I wish to strongly advise you that this could prove detrimental to the result your child may receive. The children have been instructed through Irish and been prepared for such tests through Irish and, as a result, know all the necessary terminology in Irish. Entering your child for the Transfer Test in English, a test for which your child has not been prepared to the same extent, would add a total unnecessary burden on him/her.

I understand and appreciate that some parents wish to give additional help and assistance to their child and may feel ill equipped to do so through Irish but I advise that any help you give will be of benefit, through whatever language. What that additional help cannot do, however, is compare with the teaching and learning in school or cover the curriculum that has been covered in school five days a week through Irish.

I am urging all parents who are considering entering their child for the Transfer Test to only consider entering a child for the test through the medium of Irish and allow the children the opportunity to succeed and get the result they deserve.

I assure you that all Rang 7 children, as part of the school's own transfer procedure, will be prepared for English-medium second level, and will be provided with English terminology in the final term of Rang 7.

Please feel free to contact Dean or me if you wish to discuss this further.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Deirdre Nic Suibhne'.

Deirdre Nic Suibhne