



Naíscail agus Gaelscoil an tSeanchaí

Réamheolaire
2016-2017



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Fáilte an Phríomhoide

A Thuismitheoir, a chara,

Ba mhaith liom, ar son gach duine i Naíscoil agus i nGaelscoil an tSeanchaí, fearadh na fáilte a chur romhaibh go Gaelscoil an tSeanchaí. Tá súil againn go mbeidh do pháiste sona anseo linne sna blianta tábhachtacha seo agus é/í ar an bhunscoil.

Tá an-lúcháir orainn gur roghnaigh tú an Ghaelscolaíocht agus go háirithe Gaelscoil an tSeanchaí.

Cuirimid an réamheolaire seo ar fáil le go dtig leat fáil amach faoin saol scoile. Bíonn tacaíocht ár gcuid tuismitheoirí an-tábhachtach ar fad agus is mar gheall ar an tacaíocht sin gur éirigh chomh maith le daltaí na scoile seo ó bunaíodh í. Cuirimid fáilte roimh cheisteanna, smaointí úra agus aischothú a bhaineann le saol na scoile. Tá béim nach beag ar an síorfheabhsú agus creidimid go mbeidh deis iontach ag do pháiste Gaeilge a fhoghlaim i dtimpeallacht atá sultmhar agus leasaithe. Tá cur síos ar na buntáistí a bhaineann leis an oideachas dátheangach níos faide anonn sa réamheolaire. Is é an aidhm atá romhainn ná páistí a bheas líofa agus muiníneach sa dá theanga a chruthú.

Tá mé ag dúil go mór le bheith ag comhoibriú libh.

Deirdre Nic Suibhne

Príomhoide

Eolas Teagmhála

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BHORD NA NGOBHARNÓIRÍ:	Jacinta Duggan
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STADÁS:	Faoi Chothabháil
CINEÁL:	Bunscoil Lán-Ghaelach
AOISRAON:	3 & 4 - Naíscail 4 – 11 - Bunscoil
LÍON DALTAÍ:	132

% TINREAMH 2014- 2015: 95.5%

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Laethanta Saoire Scoile 2016 – 2017

Tosaíonn an scoil ar an 1 Meán Fómhair 2016

Meán Fómhair	
Deireadh Fómhair	31
Samhain	1-4 25
Nollaig	24-31
Eanáir	1-8
Feabhra	13-17
Márta	17
Aibreán	14-21
Bealtaine	1 26-30
Meitheamh	

Clárú agus Uimhreacha Iontrála 2016 – 2017

D'athbhreathnaigh Roinn an Oideachais an uimhir chláraithe agus an uimhir iontrála mar a leanas don scoilbhliain 2016 – 2017:

Uimhir Cláraithe, Meán Fómhair 2016	16 – Rang 1 26 – Naíscoil
Uimhir iontrála, Meán Fómhair 2016	16 - Rang 1 26– Naíscoil

Bliain Iontrála	Méid Iarratas	Méid Iontrálacha	Líon Daltaí
2012 - 2013	17	17	44
2013 - 2014	15	15	59
2014 - 2015	19	18	77
2015-2016	21	21	99
2016-2017	16	15	106



Lily – Is breá liom an scoil mar thig liom cuidiú le mo mhamaí Gaeilge a labhairt sa bhaile. Tá aithne agam ar achan duine sa scoil agus tá sin maith.

Gobharnóirí Scoile

Cathaoirleach	Jacinta Duggan
Leas-Chathaoirleach DENI	Majella Bateson
Rúnaí	Deirdre Nic Suibhne (gan vóta)
Ionadaí na Múinteoirí	Eimear Nugent
Ionadaí na dTuismitheoirí	Eimear O'Kane
	Claire Devlin
	Deirdre Ní Chinnéide
	Mark Gribben
	Martina Bradley

Caomhnóirí na Scoile

Majella Bateson

Damien Mc Conomy

Graham Clarke

Foireann Ghaelscoil an tSeanchaí

Príomhoide	Deirdre Nic Suibhne
Rúnaí	Anne Kelly

Foundation Stage / Bonnchéim

Naí-Aonad	Aedín Ní Ghadhra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oifigeach Chosaint an Pháiste sa Naíscóil • Comhordaitheoir Uimhirtheachta
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Rang 1	Karen Ní Churráin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comhordaitheoir TFC Comhairle na nDaltaí (R4-7)
Rang 2	Clíona Ní Cionnaith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oifigeach do Chaidrimh Phoiblí

Key Stage 1 / Eochairchéim 1

Key Stage 2 / Eocharchéim 2

Rang 3/4	Orlagh Uí Dheoráin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comhordaitheoir RSO • Oifigeach Chosaint an Pháiste • C2K Manager
Rang 4/5	Fionnuala Ní Dhuibhfinn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DTO • Ceol • Oifigeach chúnta do Chosaint an Pháiste
Rang 6/7	Eimear Ní Uinseann	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comhordaitheoir Cumarsáide

Louise Uí Dhoibhlín
Lorraine Cox
Clár Ní Chnáimhsí
Anne Mc Erlane

Foireann Chúnta

Glantóir	Bernie Davey
Maoir Lóin	Bernie Davey Lorraine Cox Clár Ní Chnáimhsí Anne Mc Erlane



Colmán- Is breá liom an scoil seo mar bíonn muid ag dul ar léir turais scoile agus déanaimid léir spóirt.

Gnáthlá Scoile – Naíscoil

Bíonn amanna Naíscoile ann idir 9.00am – 12.30pm. Tá am céimnithe ann agus is féidir le páistí teacht ar naíscoil am ar bith idir 8:45-9.15am. Tugann sin deis do thuismitheoirí labhairt leis an fhoireann más gá.

Bíonn sos sláintiúil ar fáil do pháistí go dtí 10.20am.

Gearrtar £20 in aghaidh na míosa ar thuismitheoirí le costas smailce a chlúdach.

Curaclam na Naíscoile

Clúdaíonn na daltaí sa Naíscoil Curaclam Thuaisceart Éireann (Bonnchéim).

- **Forbairt Teanga**

Caint agus éisteacht, léamh, scríobh, rím, siollaí, feasacht fóineolaíochta

- **Forbairt phearsanta, shóisialta agus mhothúcháin**

Am ciorcail, mothúcháin a fhiosrú, aire a thabhairt don timpeallacht, neamhspleáchas agus scileanna sóisialta.

- **Luathéispéiris Mhataiticiúla**

Dathana, cruthanna, uimhreacha, meaitseáil, sortáil, patrúin, míreanna mearaí

- **Timpeallacht fhisiceach agus gluaiseacht**

Siúl, rith, snámh ar urlár, léim, truslóg a thabhairt, dreapadh, scileanna liathróide, caitheamh

- **Forbairt scileanna mórluaile agus mínluaile**

Gearradh, snáithe a chur, scríobh, greamú, sceanra a úsáid

- **Na hEalaíona**

Dramhealaín, ceol, cnaguirísí, sugradh samhlaíoch, dráma, rólghníomhaíocht

- **An Domhan Thart Orainn**

Ag tabhairt aire don timpeallacht, ag cur agus ag fás, sábháilteacht

Curacclam na Bunscoile

Tá Curacclam na Bunscoile rannata ina dtrí eochairchéim:

Bonnchéim (Naíscoil, Rang 1 & 2)

Eochairchéim 1 (Rang 3 & 4)

Eochairchéim 2 (Rang 5, 6 & 7)

Teagasctar do dhaltai na scoile ábhair Churaclam Thuaisceart Éireann, díreach mar a gcéanna lena bpiaraí inár scoileanna Béarla máguaird. Áirítear raon limistéir foghlama sna hábhair:

- **Teanga agus Litearthacht**
 - Léamh, scríobh, labhairt agus éisteacht.
- **Matamaitic agus Uimhreas**
 - Uimhreas, cruth agus spas, láimhseáil sonraí, sórtáil, patrúin, tomhais, próisis.
- **An Domhan Thart Orainn.**
 - Tíreolaíocht, stair, eolaíocht agus teicneolaíocht
- **Forbairt Phearsanta**
 - Sláinte agus sábháilteacht phearsanta, comhthuiscint.
- **Na hEalaíona**
 - Ealaín, ceol, dráma
- **Oideachas Fisiceach**
- **Reiligiún**

Aithnímid go mbíonn páistí ag foghlaim ar dhóigheanna difriúla, mar sin de agus muid ag pleanáil, cuirimid san áireamh na cineálacha difriúla intleachta a dhéanann cinnte go bhfuil gné radhairc, éisteachta, chinéisteach bainte le gach ceacht.

Béarla

Bíonn oideachais na bpáistí tugtha trí mhéan na Gaeilge amháin sna luathbhlianta le ligint do na páistí an Ghaeilge a thógáil ar dhóigh nádúrtha agus struchtúrtha. Bíonn Béarla acu mar ábhar foirmiúil ó thús Rang 4 agus bíonn na ceachtana seo déanta trí mhéan an Bhéarla chomh maith. Tá sé mar chuspóir againn an leibhéal céanna sa Bhéarla a bhaint amach ag deireadh Rang 7 agus atá sa scoileanna Béarla.

Riachtanais Speisialta Oideachais

I nGaelscoil an tSeanchaí, leanaimid na teoiricínte ó Roinn an Oideachais maidir le bainistiú agus le soláthar i dtaca le riachtanais speisialta oideachais. Aimsíonn múinteoirí straitéisí cuí agus cuireann siad iad i bhfeidhm le cuidiú le gach páiste ina rang agus oibríonn siad leis an CRSO (Comhordaitheoir Riachtanais Speisialta Oideachais) chun pleananna oideachasúla a dhearadh do gach dalta atá cláraithe ar Clár Riachtanais Speisialta Oideachais na Scoile. Leanann Gaelscoil an tSeanchaí cur chuige cúig chéim maidir le bainistiú agus soláthar Riachtanais Speisialta Oideachais mar atá leagtha amach sa Chód Cleachtais (DENI, 1998). Déantar athbhreithniú agus monatóireacht ar gach cás ar bhonn aonair agus ar bhonn rannpháirteach lena chinntiú go bhfuil múinteoirí, tuismitheoirí, CRSO, gníomhaireachtaí seachtaracha agus ar ndóigh na páistí iad féin ar an eolas agus forghníomhach a mhéad is féidir. Tá cóip de Pholasaí Riachtanais Speisialta Oideachais ar fáil ach é a iarraidh.

TFC

Is é is aidhm le Gaelscoil an tSeanchaí faill a thabhairt do pháistí dul i dtaithe ar gach gné de TFC agus a thábhachtaí agus a fhóirsteanaí atá sé don saol mór a chur ar a súile. Cuirtear in iúl do pháistí faoi na dóigheanna is féidir le heolas ríomhaire a úsáid le leas an pháiste. Forbróidh siad feacht ar an dóigh ar féidir le TFC a mhí-úsáid in amanna agus ar bhealaí is féidir leo féin agus le faisnéis a chosaint. Tá Polasaí TFC agus Polasaí Rochtana Idirlín ar fáil ach iad a iarraidh.



Obair Bhaile

Is gné iontach tábhachtach de obair na scoile an Obair Bhaile agus is pointe rialta teagmhála í leis an scoil do mhórán tuismitheoirí. Tabhafar obair bhaile do gach páiste ag teacht leis an chumas s'acu le gur féidir:

- a) obair ranga a dhaingniú
- b) cuidiú leis an dalta nós staidéir a chothú
- c) tuismitheoirí a choinneáil ar an eolas faoi obair a gcuid páistí
- d) deis a thabhairt do thuismitheoirí bheith páirteach in obair a gcuid páistí. Ba chóir do thuismitheoirí léamh lena bpáistí agus obair bhaile scríofa ar bith a shíniú gach oíche.

Gnáthlá Scoile - Bunscoil

Club Bricfeasta

Beidh Club Bricfeasta oscailte ó 8.10am gach maidin do pháistí scoile. Is féidir do pháiste a fhágáil isteach sa Chlub Bricfeasta idir 8.10am agus 8.40am. Bíonn calóga, agus sú ar fáil ar chostas £2.50.

Uaireanta Ranga

Rang 1 & 2	9.00am – 2.00pm
Rang 3	9.00am – 2.00pm (go dtí Oíche Shamhna) 9.00am – 3.00pm (i ndiaidh Oíche Shamhna)
Rang 4 – 7	9.00am – 3.00pm

Bíonn sos stiúrtha ag na páistí le linn sheisiún na maidine. Bíonn deis ann dul chuig an leithreas agus faoiseamh ón obair ranga sa chlós nó sa seomra ranga a fháil.

Am Lóin

Rang 1 -3/4	12.00pm – 12.45pm
Rang 4 – 7	12.45pm – 1.30pm

Bíonn béilte scoile ar fáil i mbialann Ghaelscoil, ant Seanchaí. Tagann na béilte ó Bhunscoil Mhachaire Fíolta agus cosnaíonn siad £2.50. Itear lóin pácáilte sna ranganna. Bíonn cúntóir lóin ag tabhairt aire do na páistí sa bhialann agus sna ranganna ag am lóin, agus taobh amuigh agus iad ag súgradh.

Club 2 – 3

Cuireann muid an tseirbhís seo ar fáil do thuismitheoirí a thógann páistí ar 3.00pm nó atá ag iarraidh tuilleadh ócaidí sóisialta da bpáiste. Bíonn gníomhaíochtaí éagsúla le linn na seachtaine – ealaín, ceol, damhsa, spórt. Tá costas £2.00 in aghaidh an lae air seo atá le híoc ag tús na míosa nó tús gach téarma.

Poncúlacht & Tinreamh



Bíonn luach oideachasúil le gach ceacht i nGaelscoil an tSeanchaí agus mar sin tacaíonn tinreamh agus poncúlacht le foraidhm na scoile mar atá foghlaim an dalta. Baineann neamhláithreachtaí fada, tinreamh mírialta agus easpa poncúlachta an bonn de ghnóthachtáil oideachasúil agus bíonn míbhuntaiste fadtéarmach in ann do pháistí mar gheall air.

Má thagann daltaí go mall ní mór dóibh tuairisciú d'Oifig na Scoile. Beidh páistí cláraithe mar 'Mall' i ndiaidh 9.00am. Cláróidh an rúnaí iad sa Leabhar Poncúlachta agus, más gá, clárófar go bhfuil béile de dhíth. Má tá páiste cláraithe sa leabhar ar mó é na ceithre huaire in aon mhí amháin cuirfear litir chuig tuismitheoirí ag cur in iúl a leithéid. **Má éisítear litir níos mó ná dhá uair in aon téarma acadúil cuirfear fios ar an Oifigeach Leasa Oideachais.** Má thagann dalta i ndiaidh don chlárú a dhruidim ar 9.30am beidh siad cláraithe mar **as láthair** don lá.

Béilte Scoile

Má shíleann tú go bhfuil do pháiste i dteideal béilte saora, is féidir foirm a fháil ón rúnaí. Tá sé rí-thábhachtach

go líontar an fhoirm isteach agus go gcuirtear ar ais chuig an seoladh ar an chúl chomh gasta agus is féidir.

Polasaí Bhia Shláintiúil

Cuireann muid an-bhéim ar bhia sláintiúil agus iarrtar ar thuismitheoirí gan bia a thabhairt dá gcuid páistí le cuid mhór siúcra nó saille. Ní cheadaíonn an scoil ach torthaí amháin don sos maidine. Iarrtar ar thuismitheoirí gan seacláid, milseáin agus brioscán phrátaí a thabhairt dá gcuid páistí don lón. Tá cead ag páistí 'treat' beag a ghlacadh i mbosca lóin gach Aoine – Aoine Aoibhinn.



Éide Scoile

Tá sé riachtanach go gcaitheann gach dalta culaith scoile iomlán. Is féidir culaith na náiscoil agus na bunscoil a cheannach ó Select, Machaire Fíolta.



	Cailíní	Gasúir
Naíscoil	Geansaí scoile T-léine ghlas Bristí dubhghorm Brógaí le Velcro	
Rang 1 – 7	Sciorta nó bristí atá dubhghorm Geansaí scoile T-léine ghlas Brógaí dubha Stócaí dubhghorma	Bristí li dubhghorm Léine scoile T-léine ghlas Brógaí dubha Stócaí dubhghorma
Éide Corpoideachais (Gach dalta)	Brógaí spóirt agus léine scoile	

Seodra

Ar mhaithe le sábháilteacht, ní cóir do pháistí seodra (slabhra, braisléid agus fainní cluaise) a chaitheamh ar scoil. Tá cead ag páistí le cluasa pollta stodaí a chaitheamh áfach.

Annie – Is maith liom a bheith ábalta labhairt le mo chairde i nGaeilge.
Is maith liom an ealaín a dhéanann muid ar scoil fosta.



Dátheangachas

Léiríonn taighde go bhfuil buntáistí suntasacha ar feadh an tsaoil do pháistí a gcuirtear oideachas orthu i nGaelscoileanna:

Gnóthachtail Acadúil

Gnóthaíonn daltaí tumoideachais ar comhchéim nó níos fearr ná a gcuid piaraí. Chuir Roinn an Oideachais i dTuaisceart Éireann le fios gur bhain iardhaltaí Gaelscoileanna caighdeán acadúil níos airde amach ná mar a mbeifí ag súil leis sa mhórphobal ar chomhaois leo.

Sláinte Is géire agus is luaithe an inchinn ilteangach agus atá frithsheasmhach in éadan Alzheimers agus cineálacha eile néaltraithe.

Teangaach breise a fhoghlaim

Tá ardchumas ag páistí dátheangacha in dhá theanga agus tá buntáistí acu le teangacha eile a fhoghlaim. Fuair staidéar amach a rinneadh i dTír na mBascach go léiríonn daltaí dátheangacha cumas níos fearr chun an tríú teanga a fhoghlaim.

Cumas Cognáíoch

Tá 'Feidhm Feidhmiúcháin' feabhsaithe ag daoine dátheangacha, córas ordaithe a threoraíonn an próiseas airde a úsáidimid le pleanáil, le fadhbréiteach agus le tascanna dúshlánacha eile ó mheabhair a dhéanamh.

Léamh feabhsaithe i mBéarla agus i nGaeilge

Is é a mholann taighde déanta ag taighdeoirí ag Ollscoil York in Toronto go bhfoghlaimíonn páistí atá dátheangach níos luaithe ná a gcuid piaraí aonteangacha. Tá páistí dátheangacha déliteartha fosta- tá an cumas orthu teacht ar litríochtaí difriúla agus léamh agus scríobh agus sa dá theanga.

Buntáistí Carachtair

Tá géarmhothú féinuarraime agus múiníne ar phaistí dátheangacha. Is ábhar bróid é a gcumas chun teangacha a mhalartú agus tá féiniúlacht láidir iontu. Is mór a meas ar chultúir dhifriúla agus is mór a thuigeann siad do dhaoine eile. Is fearr a cumas chun smaoineamh go cruthaitheach agus an

Gníomhaíochtaí Breischuraclaim

Is ábhar áthais dúinn ag Bunscoil Phobal Feirste aitheantas a fháil mar Scoile Shínte. Ceadaíonn buiséad ar leith dúinn raon gníomhaíochtaí agus ranganna tráthnóna a sholáthar dár ndaltaí agus i gcomhar le grúpaí aitiúla pobail. Déantar na gníomhaíochtaí seo roimh uaireanta scoile mar shampla an club bricfeasta nó ina ndiaidh. Tá sé mar aidhm againn timpeallacht réchúiseach dhearfach a sholáthar inar féidir le daltaí, múinteoirí agus tuismitheoirí obair le chéile chun féinurraim, féinmhuinín, sláinte fhisiceach agus folláine na bpaistí a fhorbairt.

I measc na ngníomhaíochta a chuirtear ar fail tá:

- Feadóg Stáin
- Cócaireacht
- Gleacaíocht
- Drámaíocht
- Peil Ghaelach
- Iománaíocht / camógaíocht
- Club léitheoireachta
- Club mata
- Cispheil
- Club ríomhaireachta
- Grúpa Ceoil
- Ealaín
- Spáinnis
- Cór
- Giotár



Cúram Tréadach agus Cosaint Leanaí

Múinteoirí ainmnithe do Chosaint an Pháiste:



Orlagh Uí Dheoráin
(Múinteoir Ainmnithe)

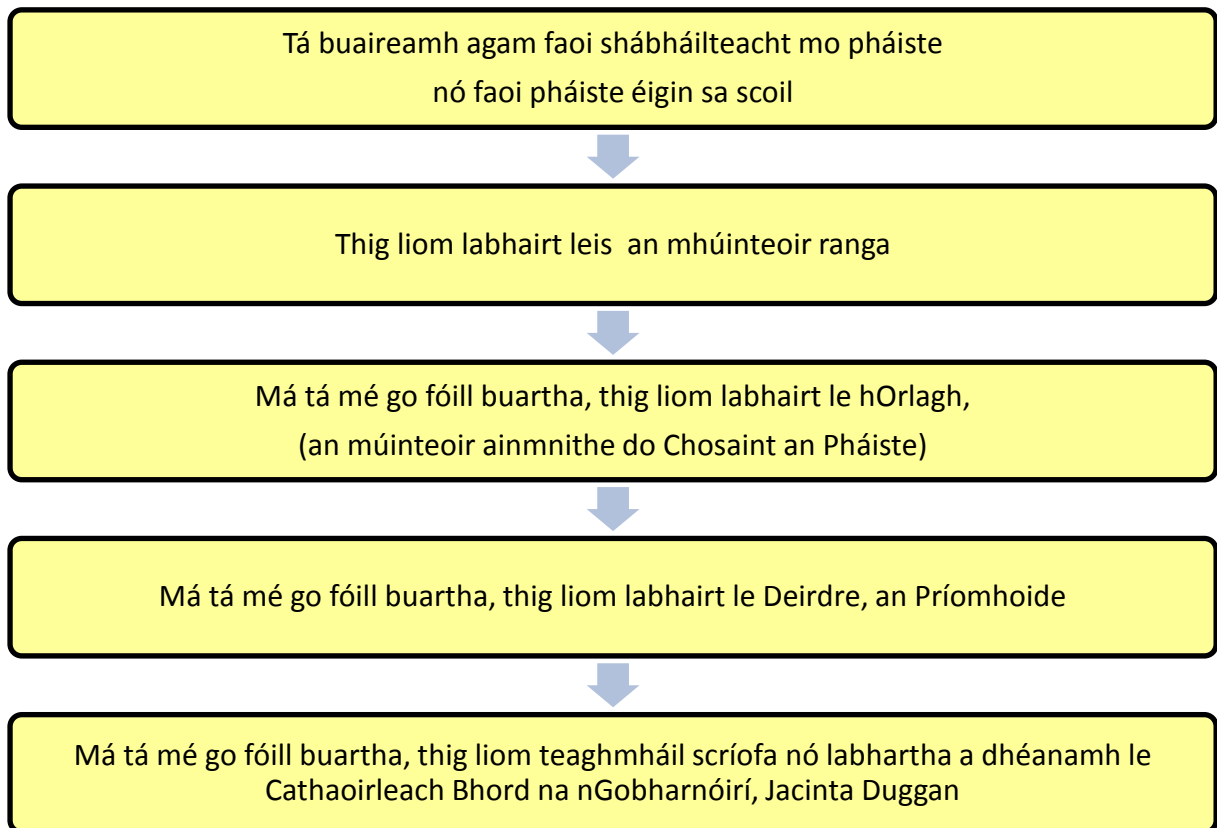


Fionnuala Ní Dhuibhfinn
(Múinteoir Ainmnithe Cúnta)



Aedín Ní Ghadhra
(Múinteoir Ainmnithe Cúnta sa Naíscoil)

Má tá buaireamh ort faoi pháiste(í), lean na céimeanna thíosluaite



Treoiríntí Sábháilteachta

Iarrtar ar thuismitheoirí / coimeádaithe glacadh leis an chomhairle a leanas ar mhaithe le sláinte agus sábháilteacht gach duine:

- Ní bheidh cead ach ag thuismitheoirí / coimeádaithe le míchumas fisiceach tiomaint isteach ar suíomh na scoile. Iarrtar ar thuismitheoirí gan pháirceáil sa charrchlós agus teacht trasna le Naíomi Maor Trácht na Scoile. Más gá do pháiste imeacht ón scoil go luath, caithfear cead a fháil agus is gá do dhuine fásta iad a bhailiú ó oifig na scoile.
- Ba chóir go mbeidh a fhios ag na páistí faoi shocrúithe don chumainn iarscoile sa dóigh is go dtig scairteanna ar oifig na scoile a sheachaint.
- Ba chóir teaghmháil a dhéanamh leis an scoil tríd nóta nó scairt gúthain dá mbeadh páiste as láthair ar chúis ar bith.

Curam Tréadach

Tá cúram tréadach ríthábhachtach inár scoil. Tá na páistí slán agus sásta i dtimpeallacht chairdiúil chomhbhách. Is scoil uilechuimsitheach í Gaelscoil an tSeanchaí, ait a léirítear meas, cineáltas agus cúram do chách. Léiríonn an fhoireann muinín agus féinurraim i ngach gné de shaol na scoile. Déanaimid ár seacht ndícheall freastal ar riachtanais gach páiste faoinár gcúram a ligfidh do phaistí fás agus forbairt ar a luas féin.



Tá mé slán sábháilte ar scoil



Am Ciorcail

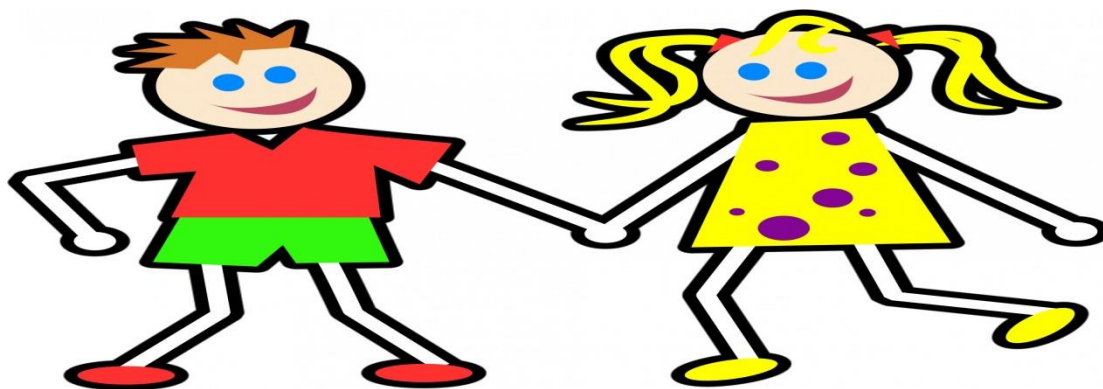
Tugann seisiúin Am Ciorcail deis do dhaltáí labhairt faoina gcuid braistintí agus mothúchán. Tugann siad deiseanna chun Gaeilge agus scileanna éisteachta a fhorbairt. Spreagtar dea-chaidrimh le páistí eile agus leis an fhoireann agus forbraíonn féinurraim agus muinín dá bharr.

Oideachas Drugaí

Creideann Gaelscoil an tSeanchaí go dtéann mí-úsáid drugaí salach ar shaol sláintiúil. Múintear do dhaltáí óga tábhacht roghanna sláintiúla (bia, deochanna, aclaíocht) agus foghlaimíonn siad faoi iarmhairtí nuair nach ndéantar roghanna sláintiúla. Bíonn deiseanna ag na páistí is sine an t-eolas atá acu a fhorbairt ar roghana saoil trí fhoghlaim faoi impleachtaí caite tobac agus ólacháin ar an chorp.

Caidrimh & Oideachas Gnéis

Leanaimid linn ag cur dea-chaidrimh chun cinn le daoine eile trí ghníomhaíochtaí agus trí nósanna laethúla. Leanann páistí Rang 4-7 clár struchtúrtha le cuidiú leo a thuilleadh a fhoghlaim faoi chaidrimh le daoine eile ina dteaghlach agus taobh amuigh de. I R7, tá deis ag páistí a thuilleadh a fhoghlaim faoina mothúcháin agus faoina n-athruithe coirp a tharlaíonn le linn caithreachais. Oibreoimid go dlúth le tuismitheoirí le linn an ama sin agus tá sé de cheart ag tuismitheoirí a iarraidh nach mbeidh a bpáistí páirteach sna ceachtanna sin.





Dea-lompar

Cothaítear agus spreagtar dea-lompar i nGaelscoil an tSeanchaí agus tá féinurraim agus aitheantas iarrachta lárnach sa chur chuige sin. Sa tionól seachtainiúil roghnaítear páistí ó gach rang agus tugtar teastas 'Daltan Gaelgeoir agus Oibrí na Seachtaine' dóibh. Ina theannat sin ugtar duaiseanna don tinreamh agus don phoncúlacht.

Smacht

Cuireann Gaelscoil an tSeanchaí cur chuige a thacaíonn leis an pháiste i bhfeidhm i dtaca le fadhbanna iompair a bhainistiú. Leanfaidh páistí a léiríonn an cineál sin iompair na céimeanna thíos:

1. Seans eile
2. Am amuigh (5 bhom/am sosa)
3. Cárta Bán (rabhadh)
4. Cárta Buí (labhraíonn an leas-phríomhoide leis an pháiste)
5. Cárta Dearg (litir / scairt gutháin ar an teach agus cruinniú idir na tuismitheoirí agus an príomhoide)

Má fhaigheann do pháiste cárta, cuirfear abhaile é agus iarrfar ort é a shíniú agus é a chur ar ais chun na scoile. Tá failte romhat ar ndóigh teagmháil a dhéanamh leis an scoil chun inní ar bith a phlé.

Ní mór céimeanna 1-4 a chur i bhfeidhm taobh istigh de choicís sula féidir cárta dearg a thabhairt amach.

Déanfaidh foireann agus pobal Ghaelscoil an tSeanchaí a seacht ndícheall tromaiócht a aimsiú agus tabhairt fúithi go luath. Má chreideann tuismitheoir go bhfuil an páistí thíos leis mar gheall ar an tromaiócht nó má tá siad buartha faoi pháiste eile ba chóir dóibh na nósanna imeachta a leanúint ar leathanach 22 sa doiciméad seo agus teagmháil a dhéanamh leis an mhúinteoir ranga i dtús báire. Tá an Polasaí Frithbhulaíochta ar fáil ach é a iarraidh ó Oifig na scoile.

Erin- Is maith liom an scoil seo mar tá muid ábalta labhairt i nGaeilge agus níl a lán daoine eile ábalta seo a dhéanamh. Tá sé speisialta.

Creideamh

Bíonn na páistí ag foghlaim faoin dóigh ar chóir cónaí le daoine eile thart ar an domhan nó anseo i Machaire Fíolta. An dóigh le bheith tuisceanach, dea-bhhéasach, le bheith cineálta agus riachtanais daoine eile a aithint.

Cé nach scoil Chaitliceach í Gaelscoil an tSeanchaí, aithníonn muid gur Caitlicigh iad formhór na bpáistí agus a dtuismitheoirí agus mar sin de, déantar na páistí réidh do na Sacraimintí. Munar mhaith leat go mbeidh do pháiste páirteach san ullmhucháin, tá sé de cheart agat a iarraidh nach mbeidh sé / sí i láthair.

Caidrimh Phoiblí

Tá deiseanna ag daltaí i nGaelscoil an tSeanchaí le bheith pairteach i ngníomhaíochtaí éagsúla agus áiseanna a roinnt leis an phobal áitiúil. Tiomsaíonn ár ndaltaí airgead gach bliain do charthanachtaí éagsúla Trócaire agus Naomh Uinseann de Pól san áireamh. Tá dlúthnascanna againne leis an Eaglais Baptist, Colaiste na Speiríní, Glór Mhachaire Fíolta agus Gaelcholáiste Dhoire.

Comhairle na nDaltaí

Tá Comhairle Daltaí sa scoil ó Rang 4 – 7 faoi threoir Karen Ní Churráin. Bunaíodh Comhairle na nDaltaí sa scoil le go mbeadh deis ag na daltaí a mbarúlacha a nochtadh ar shaincheisteanna scoile. Toghann gach rang beirt ionadaí ar Chomhairle na nDaltaí a bhuaileann le chéile ar bhonn míosúil. Is mór againn tuairimí ár gcuid páistí agus tuairiscítear ar ais iad dár mbainisteoirí.



Rannpháirteachas Tuismitheoirí

Creidimid go bhfuil bunról ag tuismitheoirí le cuidiú lena gcuid páistí foghlaim. Spreagaimid tuismitheoirí le tacú leis an obair bhaile, tacú lena gcuid páistí lena gcumas Gaeilge féin a fheabhsú (ag freastal ar ranganna Gaeilge sa scoil nó ar rangana eile Gaeilge le sainghníomhaíochtaí Gaeilge eile). Cuirimid ar chumas tuismitheoirí chun tacú lena bpáistí trí cheardlanna agus trí thraenáil do thuismitheoirí a éascú. Tá PTA gníomhach againn sa scoil, **Cairde agus Teaghlaigh le Chéile**, a eagraíonn roinnt gníomhaíochtaí rathúla tiomsaithe airgid mar aon le tacú le himeachtaí scoile le linn na bliana. Cuirtear fáilte roimh bhaill úra i dtólamh.

Cuairteanna Scoile

Bíonn oíche oscailte eagraithe Mí na Nollag do thuismitheoirí atá ag smaoineamh ar a bpáistí a chur chuig Naíscoil nó Gaelscoil an tSeanchaí. Bíonn cuireadh eile tugtha Mí an Mheithimh le teacht agus bualadh lena múinteoirí, Príomhoide agus foireann na scoile. Tugann na laethanta seo blas níos fearr ar shaol na scoile agus tugann siad deis duit aithne a chur ar an fhoireann.

Ag Tuairisciú do Thuismitheoirí

Bíonn cruinniú curaclaim ag tús gach scoilbhliana nuair is féidir foghlaim faoi na hábhair a dhéanfaidh do pháiste an bhliain sin. Bíonn cruinniú aonair eile leis an mhúinteoir sa chéad téarma nuair a phléitear dul chun cinn do pháiste. Scríobhann an múinteoir ranga tuairisc ag deireadh gach scoilbhliana chomh maith.

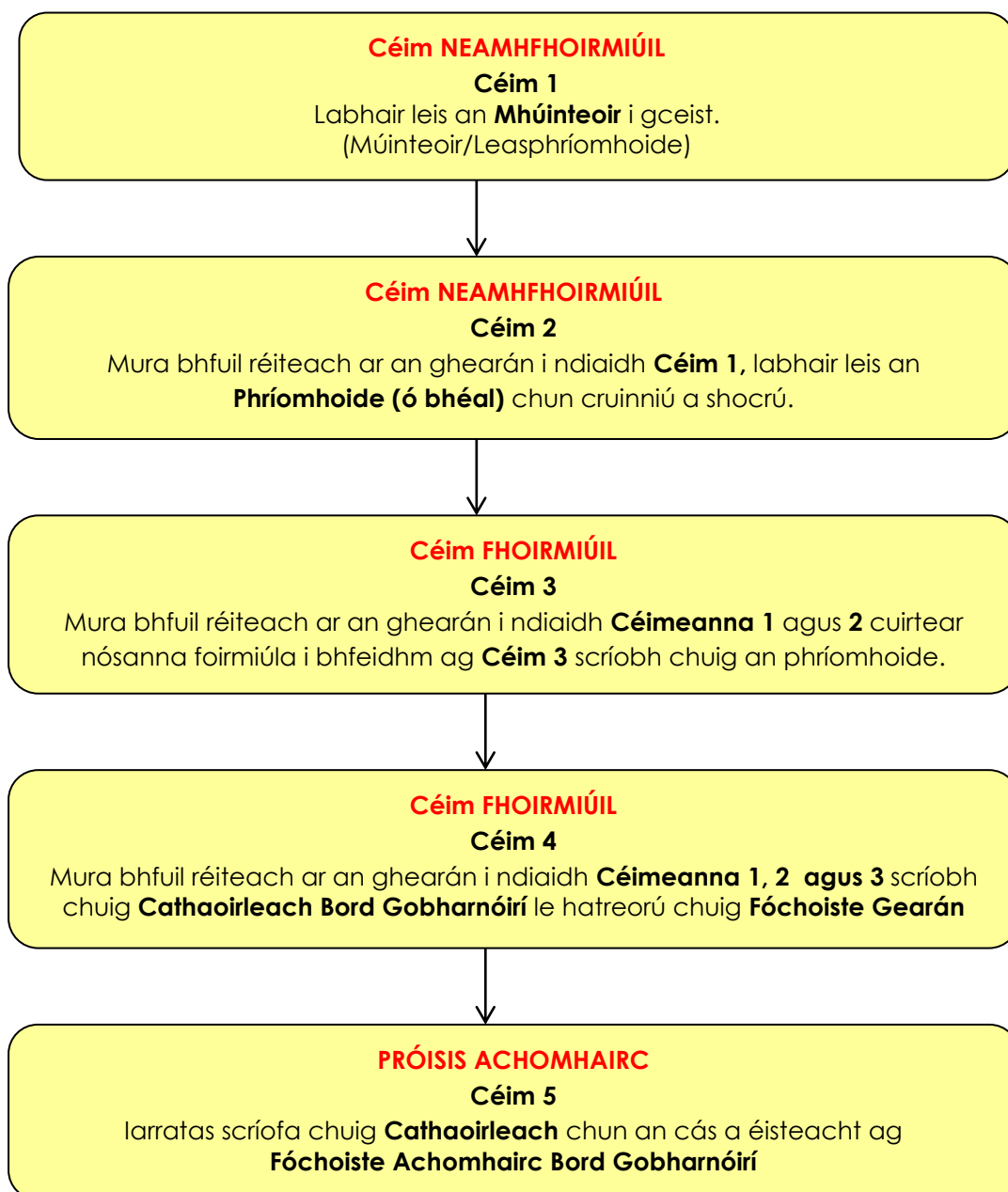
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Gearáin

Is aidhm dúinn plé le gearáin nó le himní ar bhonn iomlán gairmiúil agus impímid oraibh na nithe a leanas a dhéanamh má tá imní ort:



Má tá gearán nó imní agat faoi bhall den fhoireann tacaíochta, tosaigh an gnáthamh Gearán ar Chéim 2 mar atá leagtha amach thuas le do thoil. Má tá gearán nó imní agat faoin Phríomhoide, tosaigh an gnáthamh Gearán ar Chéim 4 mar atá leagtha amach thuas le do thoil. Tá ár bPolasaí Gearáin ar fail ach é a iarraidh ó Oifig na Scoile. Bá mhaith linn cur ina luí ort go bpléifear gearán nó imní atá agat chomh gairmiúil agus chomh rúnda is féidir.

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Principal's Welcome

Dear Parent,

On behalf of all the staff in Naí-Aonad and Gaelscoil an tSeanchaí, I warmly welcome you and your child to our school. We hope your child will soon feel at home and be very happy here during these important formative years of nursery and primary education.

We are delighted that you have chosen Irish Medium education for your child and in particular, Gaelscoil an tSeanchaí.

We have produced this prospectus to help you learn more about the life and work here in our school. Parental support has always been a very important strength in our school. We welcome it as we believe that it is through working together that we can ensure the success of your child. We encourage any questions, ideas or feedback you may have regarding aspects of school life. Continual development is central to our aims and we believe that your child will have the wonderful opportunity to learn Irish in an enjoyable and enriched environment. The advantages of a bilingual education are included in this prospectus. We aim to create happy, competent and confident bilinguals.

I look forward to working with you.

Deirdre Nic Suibhne

Principal

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CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS:	Jacinta Duggan
PRINCIPAL:	Deirdre Nic Suibhne
STATUS:	Maintained
TYPE:	Irish-medium Primary School
AGE RANGE:	3 & 4 – Naí-Aonad 4 – 11 - Gaelscoil
NUMBER OF PUPILS:	132
% ATTENDANCE 2014 - 2015:	95.5%
% ATTENDANCE 2015- 2016:	96.5%

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School Holidays / Laethanta Saoire 2016 – 2017 (Provisional)

School starts back on Thursday 1st September

September	
October	31
November	1-4 25
December	24-31
January	1-8
February	13-17
March	17
April	14-21
May	1 26-30
June	



Admissions Arrangements – Naí-Aonad an tSeanchaí

Pre-school places are available for those children who are in the target age group who were born between **2 July 2013 and 1 July 2014**. If there are still places available underage children ie those born between 2 July 2014 and 1 July 2015 may also be admitted.

When considering which children should be selected for admission, the Board of Governors will only take into account information which is detailed on or attached to the application form. Parents should therefore ensure that all information pertaining to their child and relevant to the school's admissions criteria is stated on the application form or attached to it. Examples of such information include whether the child is the eldest child/has brothers or sisters attending the school.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR ENTRY OF PUPILS IN SEPTEMBER 2016

The Board of Governors will determine criteria and the criteria will be applied by a sub committee of the Board of Governors.

Admissions criteria to be used in the event of the school being oversubscribed in relation to funded places. The criteria are listed in order of priority.

Children will be admitted according to the following statutory criteria:

1. Children from socially disadvantaged circumstances* in their final pre-school year i.e. born between **2 July 2013 and 1 July 2014** (inclusive);
2. Children not falling within sub-paragraph (1) in their final pre-school year; and who at the time of their proposed admission will not have a pre-school education place, whether full-time or part-time, at another school or any other premises.

* "Children from socially disadvantaged circumstances" means a child whose parent is in receipt of Income Support or Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance; or an award of Income Support which has been converted into an Employment and Support Allowance and the level of benefit remains the same. When parents apply for places for their child on this basis they should have their application form stamped by the Social Security Agency to confirm that they are in receipt of a qualifying payment. In the event of oversubscription on the application of a statutory criterion the sub-criteria will be applied in the order set down.

Sub-criteria

- a. Children of parents who wish them to continue their education through the medium of Irish and intend to enrol at Gaelscoil an tSeanchaí.
- b. Children who have siblings attending or who have attended Naí-Aonad an tSeanchaí or Gaelscoil an tSeanchaí.
- c. Children who have attended Naí-Aonad an tSeanchaí during the calendar year.
- d. Applicants who have named Naí-Aonad an tSeanchaí as their first preference.
- e. Children who are the oldest or only child.
- f. In the event of a tie break being required children will be selected on the basis of initial letter of their surname (as entered on their Birth Certificate) in the order set out below:

N Z C D J T G A B M U X S Y P H F E W V O R Q L K I

The order was determined by a randomised selection of letters

The Board of Governors reserves the right to require such supplementary evidence as it may determine necessary to support or verify any information on the application form.

When considering which children should be selected for admission, the Management Committee will only take into account information which is detailed on or attached to the application form. Parents should therefore ensure that all information pertaining to their child and relevant to the admissions criteria is stated on the application form or attached to it.

Criteria for children not in their final pre-school year

Should places remain after the application of the above criteria to children in their final pre-school year, places will be allocated strictly in accordance with chronological age beginning with the eldest child.

In the event of children with the same date of birth being considered for the final place, the school's sub-criteria will be applied.

Admissions Arrangements – Gaelscoil an tSeanchaí

The current policy is to admit into Primary One, at the beginning of the Autumn term, children who have reached compulsory school age i.e. all children born on or between 2 July 2012 and 1 July 2013. Such children must begin primary education from 1 September 2017 because by that date they will have reached compulsory school age. An Open Night will be arranged for all prospective parents, or parents may make an appointment to meet the Principal and to be shown around the school.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR ENTRY OF PUPILS IN SEPTEMBER 2016

The Board of Governors have drawn up the school's admissions criteria and has delegated to the Principal its function and responsibilities in relation to the application of these criteria and admission of pupils to the school.

Admissions Criteria:

1. Pupils with a brother or sister attending Gaelscoil an tSeanchaí including a half brother or sister.
2. Pupils who have graduated from Naí-Aonad an tSeanchaí.
3. Pupils whose parent/guardian works either in Gaelscoil/Naí-Aonad an tSeanchaí in a paid or voluntary capacity.
4. Pupils who have selected Gaelscoil an tSeanchaí as their first preference.
5. Pupils who use Irish as a common communicative medium with at least one parent/guardian.
6. Pupils living closest to school gate (walking/driving distance from parents' home measured by public road only).
7. In the event of a tie break being required children will be selected on the basis of the initial letter of their surname (as entered on their Birth Certificate) in the order set out below.

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The order was determined by a randomised selection of letters.

Enrolment and Admission Numbers 2016– 2017

The Department has determined the enrolment and admission numbers as follows 2016 – 2017:

Enrolment number, September 2016	16 – Rang 1 26 – Naíscoil
Admission number, September 2016	15 - Rang 1 26 – Naíscoil

Year of Admission	Number of Applications	Number of Admissions	Number of Pupils
2012 - 2013	17	17	44
2013 - 2014	15	15	59
2014 - 2015	19	18	77
2015-2016	21	21	99
2016-2017	16	15	106



Lily – I love this school because it means I can help my Mammy speak Irish at home. I know everybody in the school and that's a good thing too.

Gaelscoil an tSeanchaí is committed to the development and growth of the whole person, in a rich Irish language environment which supports learning, celebrates endeavour and prepares our children for an ever changing technological world. Fundamental to the inclusive ethos of our school is the recognition of each pupil as an individual with his/her own special abilities, gifts, needs, personality and cultural background. We aim to foster a caring, supportive environment within a well ordered school community, where staff and pupils can work together in an atmosphere of mutual respect, so that each and every individual can achieve the highest level of intellectual, personal, physical and social development of which he/she is capable, within the context of the Northern Ireland Curriculum.

Aims

- To provide a safe, secure, stimulating learning environment
- To provide a relevant and balanced curriculum that fulfills the needs of all pupils, in a motivating and meaningful context, taking account of their past experiences and future learning needs
- To recognise and acknowledge that all our pupils have talents and to nurture each child's potential
- To develop a pupil's self-esteem and self-confidence and to encourage an appreciation of personal achievements and aspirations
- To foster, in partnership with parents and pupils, a system of pastoral care which promotes each pupils' respect for themselves, others and the environment and which develops important values such as self-discipline, honesty, kindness and forgiveness so that they can become active and responsible members of society
- To ensure that each pupil leaves our school equipped, as far as he/she is personally capable, with the knowledge, skills, values and attitudes necessary for living in a changing social, political, cultural and technological environment

- To promote the development of a positive attitude towards a healthy lifestyle
- To celebrate and promote our Irish cultural identity while also creating an inclusive environment where diversity among individuals is embraced, celebrated and responded to and equal opportunities are available to all
- To establish a creative and secure educational partnership between the school, the home, and the wider community
- To develop a love for learning and a motivation to ask questions, to make informed decisions and to prepare pupils to take a positive role in future learning, beyond Naí-Aonad and Gaelscoil an tSeanchaí
- To support each child in their commitment to a faith community, whatever that may be. That they are able to pray and have developed a sense of a relationship with God and a sense of belonging to a faith community.

Erin- I love this school because we're able to speak in Irish and not everybody is able to do that. It's very special.

Vision For The Future

- To continue promoting the strong Irish language ethos of the school
- To ensure that pupils and staff feel safe, happy and successful
- To maintain high standards of pastoral care within the school
- To maintain a positive, caring environment through continued partnership between the school, home and wider community
- To ensure high standards in the delivery of the curriculum and pupil achievement
- To develop shared leadership through the role of co-ordinators and senior management within the school
- To ensure that the school meets the requirements brought about by changes to the curriculum and ICT
- To ensure the continued professional development of all staff in order to achieve high standards of pastoral care and teaching and learning
- To continue to incorporate curricular and pastoral changes and initiatives in whole school development
- To ensure that staff have an input into school development work
- To encourage pupil participation in important decisions relating to school life
- To develop the use of the outdoor environment to enhance teaching and learning
- To develop an attractive, stimulating, learning environment for pupils and staff
- To ensure continuing improvements in provision of curricular resources
- To ensure continuing improvements in security, maintenance and resourcing of the premises

School Governors / Gobharnóirí Scoile

Chairperson	Jacinta Duggan
Vice-Chairperson	Majella Bateson
Secretary	Deirdre Nic Suibhne (non-voting)
Teacher Representative	Eimear Nugent
Parent Representative	Eimear O'Kane
	Claire Devlin
	Deirdre Ní Chinnéide
	Mark Gribben
	Martina Bradley

Gaelscoil an tSeanchaí Staff / Foireann na Scoile 2016-17

Principal	Deirdre Nic Suibhne
Secretary	Anne Kelly

Foundation Stage / Bonnchéim

Naí-Aonad Teacher	Aedín Ní Ghadhra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naíscoil Designated Child Protection Officer • Numeracy Co-ordinator
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Rang 1 Teacher	Karen Ní Churráin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICT Co-ordinator
Rang 2 Teacher	Clíona Ní Cionnaith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PRO

Key Stage 1 / Eochairchéim 1

Key Stage 2 /Eocharchéim 2

Rang 3/4 Teacher	Orlagh Uí Dheoráin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEN Co-ordinator • Designated Child Protection and Pastoral Care Officer • C2K Manager
Rang 4/5 Teacher	Fionnuala Ní Dhuibhfinn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The World Around Us • Music • Assistant Designated Child Protection Officer
Rang 6/7Teacher	Eimear Ní Uinseann	Literacy Co-ordinator

Classroom Assistants / Cúntóirí Ranga

Louise Uí Dhoibhlín Anne Mc Erlane Clár Ní Chnáimhsí Lorraine Cox
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Auxiliary Staff / Foireann Chúnta

Cleaner	Bernie Davey
Lunchtime Supervisors	Bernie Davey Lorraine Cox Anne Mc Erlane Clár Ní Chnáimhsí



Colmán-I like this school because we go on a lot of trips and we do a lot of sport.

The School Day – Naí-Aonad

Naí-Aonad class times are from 9.00am – 12.30pm. There is a staggered arrival time and children may arrive anytime between 9.00-9.20. This gives parents the chance to talk to the staff if need be.

There is a healthy snack available to the children until 10.20am.

Pre-School Curriculum / Curaclam Réamhscoile

The pupils in the Naíscóil cover the Northern Ireland Curriculum (Foundation Stage)

- **Language Development**

Talking and listening, reading, writing, rhyming, syllables, phonological awareness

- **Personal, social and emotional development**

Circle time, exploring feelings, taking care of the environment, independence and social skills

- **Early mathematical experiences**

Colours, shapes, numbers, matching, Sorting, patterns, Jig-saws

- **Physical development and movement**

Walking, running, crawling, jumping, hopping, climbing, ball skills, throwing

- **Gross and fine motor skill development**

Cutting, threading, writing, sticking, using cutlery

- **The Arts**

Junk art, singing / percussion instruments, imaginative play, drama / role play

- **The World Around Us**

Taking care of the environment, planting and growing, safety

Primary Curriculum / Curaclam na Bunscoile

The primary curriculum is broken into three keystages:

Foundation Stage (Naíscoil, Rang 1 & 2)

Key Stage 1 (Rang 3 & 4)

Key Stage 2 (Rang 5, 6 & 7)

The pupils of the school are taught the subjects of the Northern Ireland Curriculum, the exact same as their peers in our neighbouring English medium schools. The subjects encompass a range of learning areas:

- **Language and Literacy**
 - reading, writing, talking & listening.
- **Mathmatics and Numeracy**
 - number, shape & space, handling data, sorting, patterns, measures, processes.
- **The World Around Us**
 - geography, history, science and technology
- **Personal Development**
 - personal health and safety, mutual understanding.
- **The Arts**
 - art, music, drama
- **Physical Education**
- **Religion**

We acknowledge that pupils learn in different ways, therefore when planning we take into the account the different forms of intelligence ensuring where possible there is a Visual, Auditory and Kinaesthetic element to each of our lessons.

English / Béarla

Children are taught through the medium of Irish alone in the early years to allow the acquisition of the language in a way that is natural and structured. English as a formal curriculum subject is introduced in Rang 3 and these lessons are delivered through the medium of English. It is our target that the children will acquire the same standard of reading and writing at the end of Rang 7 as their counterparts in English medium schools.

Special Educational Needs / Riachtanais Speisialta Oideachais

In Gaelscoil an tSeanchaí, we follow the guidelines from the Department of Education with regards to the management of and provision for special educational needs. Teachers identify and implement appropriate strategies to support all children in their classes and liaise with the SENCo (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator) to devise education plans for all pupils that have been registered on the school's special educational needs register. Gaelscoil an tSeanchaí follows a five stage approach to the management of and provision for special educational needs, as guided by the Code of Practice (DENI, 1998). Each case is reviewed and monitored on an individual basis and a partnership model is used to ensure that teachers, parents, SENCOs, outside agencies and of course the children themselves are as informed and as pro-active as possible. A copy of the Special Educational Needs policy is available on request.

ICT / TFC

Gaelscoil an tSeanchaí aims to acquaint all children with all aspects of ICT and see its relevance and importance in everyday life. Pupils are made aware of the ways computerised information can be made to work for them. They will also develop an awareness of how ICT can sometimes be misused and of ways to protect themselves and information. Our school ICT and Internet Access Policy is available on request.



Homework / Obair Bhaile



Homework is a very important part of the work of our school and is a point of regular contact for many parents with the school. Each child will be given homework, suitable to his/her ability in order to:

- a) reinforce work done in class;
- b) help him/her develop a habit for personal study ;
- c) keep parents up to date with their child's work, and
- d) give parents an opportunity to become involved in their child's work.

Parents should read with their child and sign any written homework each night.

The School Day / Gnáthlá Bunscoile

Class Times

Naí-Aonad	9.00am -12.30pm
Rang 1 & 2	9.00am – 2.00pm
Rang 3	9.00am – 2.00pm (until Halloween)
	9.00am – 3.00pm (after Halloween)
Rang 4 – 7	9.00am – 3.00pm

Primary pupils have a supervised break during the morning session. This facilitates toilet visits and relaxation from work in the playground or classroom.

Lunch Time

Rang 1 -3/4	12.00pm – 12.45pm
Rang 4/5 – 7	12.45pm – 1.30pm

School dinners are provided in the school. They are cooked in Magherafelt Primary School and cost £2.50. Packed lunches are eaten in the classroom and pupils are supervised by supervisory assistants. Lunchtime assistants also supervise the dinner and lunch pupils while they are outside playing.

Club 2 – 3

We provide this service for those parents who have a 3.00pm pick-up or for those who would just like their children to have more opportunities for social interaction with their peers. Activities vary over the course of the week - art, music, dance, sport. There is a £2.00 per day charge for this.

Punctuality and Attendance / Poncúlacht & Tinreamh



Every lesson in Gaelscoil an tSeanchaí has an educational value, therefore attendance and punctuality support the school's foremost aim of pupil learning. Prolonged absences, irregular attendance and lack of punctuality can all serve to undermine educational achievement and result in long term disadvantage to the children.

Pupils arriving late for the start of the morning will report to the school office. Pupils will be registered as late after 9.00am. The secretary will register them in the late book and, if necessary, record if a meal is required. If a pupil is recorded in the late register on more than **four occasions** in any calendar month, a letter will be issued to parents informing them of this. **If a letter is issued on two or more occasions in any one academic term the Education Welfare Officer will be informed.**

School Meals / Beilí Scoile

If you think your child is entitled to free school meals please obtain a form from the secretary. It is important to

complete the form and return it to the address on the back as soon as possible.

Healthy Eating Policy/Polasaí ar Bhia Shláintiúil

We emphasize the importance of healthy eating and we encourage children to avoid eating foods high in salt and sugar. The school requests fruit only for morning break. Parents are

requested not to give children fizzy drinks, chocolate, sweets and crisps for lunch. Children are allowed a small treat in their lunchbox each Friday – Aoine Aoibhinn.



School Uniform / Éide Scoile

We expect all pupils to wear full school uniform every day. Both Naí-Aonad and Gaelscoil uniform may be purchased at **Select** in Magherafelt.



	Cailíní / Girls	Gasúir / Boys
Naíscóil	School Jumper Green T-shirt Navy tracksuit bottoms Shoes with Velcro fastenings	
Rang 1 – 7	Navyskirt / trousers School sweatshirt Green polo t-shirt Black shoes Navy socks	Navy trousers School sweatshirt Green polo t-shirt Black shoes Navy socks
PE Uniform (All pupils)	School jersey Soft black indoor shoes	

Jewellery / Seodra

For health and safety reasons, parents should discourage children from wearing jewellery, including neck chains, bracelets and earrings. However, children with pierced ears may wear small stud earrings.

Annie-I like being able to talk to my friends in Irish. I like the art we do in school too.



Bilingualism / Dáttheangachas

The Irish Medium model of education involves the immersion of the child within an Irish environment so that the language is acquired naturally and without effort on the child's part. Research shows that there are significant lifelong advantages for children who are being educated in Irish-medium Schools:

Academic Achievement

Immersion students achieve as well as or better than non-immersion peers on standardized measures of verbal and mathematics skills administered in English. A research briefing published by the Department of Education in Northern Ireland indicated that former pupils of Irish-medium schools attained a higher academic standard than might be expected among the general population of the same age group.

Health

A multilingual brain is quicker, nimbler and more resistant to Alzheimers and other forms of dementia.

Learning additional languages

Bilingual children have a high competency in two languages and have advantages in learning other new languages. A study carried out in the Basque country found that bilingual students display greater facility in learning a third

Cognitive Ability

Bilingual people have an improved 'Executive Function', a command system that directs the attention processes that we use for planning, solving problems and performing various other mentally demanding tasks

Improved reading skills in Irish & English

A study by researchers at York University in Toronto suggests that children who are bilingual learn to read more rapidly than their monolingual peers. Bilingual children are also biliterate – they have the ability to access different literatures and read and write in both languages.

Character Benefits

Bilingual children have a heightened sense of self esteem and confidence. They feel pride in their ability to switch languages and have a strong sense of identity. They have a greater appreciation of different cultures and have an increased sensitivity to others. They have a better ability to think creatively

Extra- curricular Activites / Gníomhachtaí Breischuraclaim

Here at Gaelscoil an tSeanchaí we are pleased to offer a range of after-school activities for pupils and evening classes for parents. We aim to provide a relaxed, positive environment where pupils, teachers and parents can work together to develop the children's self-esteem, confidence and physical health and well-being.

Some activites we offer are:

Tin whistle

- Drama
- Gaelic football
- Hurling / camogie
- Reading Club
- Maths club
- Computer club
- Cookery
- Art
- Spanish
- Pottery
- Choir





Child Protection & Safeguarding / Cumhdach & Cosaint Leanaí

Designated Teachers for Child Protection:



Orlagh Uí Dheoráin
(Designated Teacher)

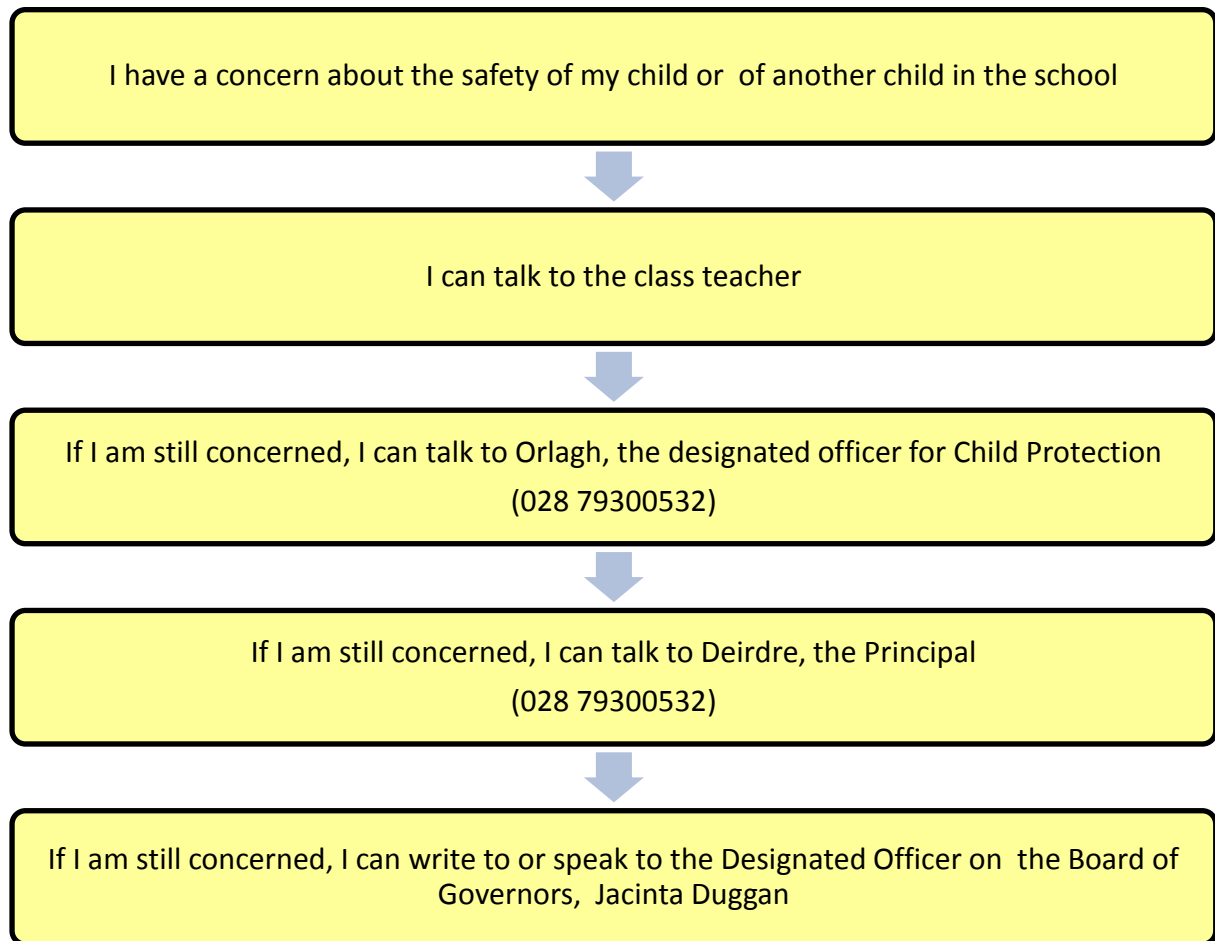


Fionnuala Ní Dhuibhfinn
(Assistant Designated Teacher)



Aedín Ní Ghadhra
(Assistant Designated teacher in the Naíscoil)

If you have concerns about a child / children, follow the steps below



Guidelines Relating to Safety / Treoiríntí Sábháilteachta

Parent / carers are asked to heed the following advice to ensure the health and safety of all:

- Any child who needs to leave school early must be given permission and be collected by an adult from the school office
- Arrangements for after school activities should be made with the children so that daily phone calls to the school office can be avoided.
- Contact must be made with the school by note or phone call should a child be absent for any reason.

Pastoral Care / Cúram Tréadach

Pastoral care is of paramount importance in our school. The children are safe and happy in a caring and friendly environment. Gaelscoil an tSeanchaí is an all-inclusive school where respect, kindness and care are shown to all. Staff promote confidence and self-esteem in every aspect of school life. We endeavour to meet the needs of each individual child in our care and will allow the children to grow and develop at their own pace.



Tá mé slán sábháilte ar scoil



Circle Time / Am Ciorcail

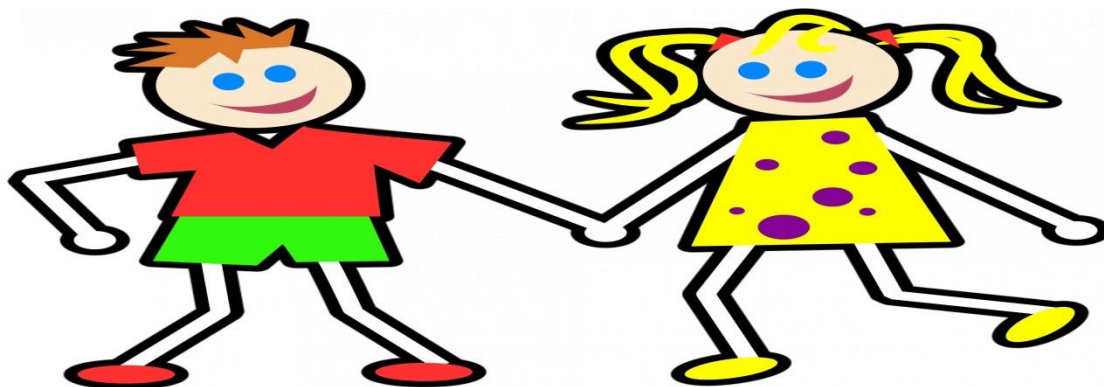
Circle time sessions give pupils a chance to talk about their feelings and emotions. They give opportunities for developing the children's Irish language and listening skills. Good relationships with other children and staff are encouraged and their self-esteem and confidence develops as a result.

Drugs Education / Oideachas Drugaí

Gaelscoil an tSeanchaí believes that misuse of drugs is contrary to a healthy life. Younger pupils are taught about the importance of making healthy choices (food, drinks, exercise) and they learn about the consequences of not making healthy choices. Older children have the opportunity to further develop their knowledge of lifestyle choices by learning about the effects of smoking and drinking on the body.

Relationships and Sex Education / Caidrimh & Oideachas Gnéis

We continually promote good relationships with others within the school through day to day activities and routines. Children in R4 – 7 also follow a structured programme to help them learn more about relationships with others both within their family and outside it. In R7, children have the opportunity to learn more about their emotions and changes in their bodies which happen during puberty. We will work closely with parents during this time and parents have the right to request that their child does not participate in these lessons.





Positive Behaviour / Dea-Iompar

Positive behaviour is nurtured and encouraged in Gaelscoil an tSeanchaí and promotion of self-esteem and recognition of effort is central to this approach. In weekly assembly Primary 1-7 children are chosen from each class and presented with a certificate for 'Pupil of the Week', 'Irish speaker of the week' and 'Worker of the week'. Excellent attendance and punctuality are also rewarded.

Discipline / Smacht

Gaelscoil an tSeanchaí implements a child-friendly approach to managing problematic behaviour. Children exhibiting such behaviour will follow these steps:

6. Be given one more chance
7. Time out (5 min/break time)
8. White Card (warning)
9. Yellow Card (Principal made aware)
10. Red Card (phone call home and meeting between parents and principal)

If your child receives a card, it will be sent home and you will be asked to sign the card and return it to school. You are of course welcome to contact the school to discuss any concern.

Stages 1-4 must be implemented within a fortnight for a red card to be given.

Gaelscoil an tSeanchaí staff and community will take every step to identify and tackle bullying at an early stage. If a parent believes that their child is the victim of bullying, or they are concerned about another child, they should follow the procedures laid out on page 22 of this document, with the class teacher being the first port of call. Our Anti-Bullying Policy is available on request from the school office.

Tá cuid mhór cairde agam sa scoil.

Religious Education / Teagasc Críostaí

During Religious Education, the children learn how they should live with others around the world or here in Magherafelt. They learn how to be understanding, well-mannered, kind and to recognise the needs of others.

Although Gaelscoil an tSeanchaí is not a Catholic school per se, we recognise that the majority of our children and parents come from a Catholic background. Therefore, we offer to prepare the children for the three Sacraments, Confession, Communion and Confirmation should you wish. Children are prepared for the Sacraments through the language of instruction of the school.

If you do not wish your child to participate in these preparations, you have the right to request that your child be withdrawn from such classes. Children from all faiths or none are welcome in Gaelscoil an tSeanchaí.

Community Relations / Caidrimh Phoiblí

Pupils in Gaelscoil an tSeanchaí have opportunities to participate in various activities and share resources within the local community. Our pupils fundraise for numerous charities including Trócaire, St. Vincent de Paul and The Shoebox Appeal. We have close links to Magherafelt Baptist Church, Gaelscholaiste Dhoire, Glór Machaire Fíolta, Sperrin College and Rossa GAA.

Student Council / Comhairle na nDaltaí

There is a Student Council within the school, Primary 4 – 7, guided by Karen Ní Churráin. The student council was formed in the school in September 2015 with a view to giving the children an opportunity to voice their opinions concerning school issues. Each class elects two representatives to the school council which meets on a monthly basis. Our children's views are highly valued and are reported back to management level.



Parental Involvement / Rannpháirteachas Tuismitheoirí

We believe that parents have a fundamental role to play in helping their children learn. We encourage parents to support with homework, and to support their own children by improving their own competency in Irish (attending Irish classes in the school or other local Irish language classes in association with specialist outside agencies). We enable parents to support their children by facilitating workshops and training for parents. We also have an active PTA, **Cairde agus Teaghlaigh le Chéile**, within the school which have organised a number of successful fund raising activities as well as assisting at school events throughout the year. New members are always welcome.



School Visits / Cuairteanna Scoile

Prospective parents to Naí-Aonad an tSeanchaí and Gaelscoil an tSeanchaí are invited to an open night in December. Another invitation to visit the school is extended in June and parents can meet their child's teacher, the Principal and other staff. These occasions provide an excellent opportunity to become familiar with the school and to learn about school life.

Reporting to parents / Tuairisciú

A curriculum meeting is held at the beginning of each school year in which the subjects your child will study is explained. An individual meeting with your child's teacher is organised at the end of November in which your child's individual progress will be discussed. The class teacher writes a report at the end of each school year also.

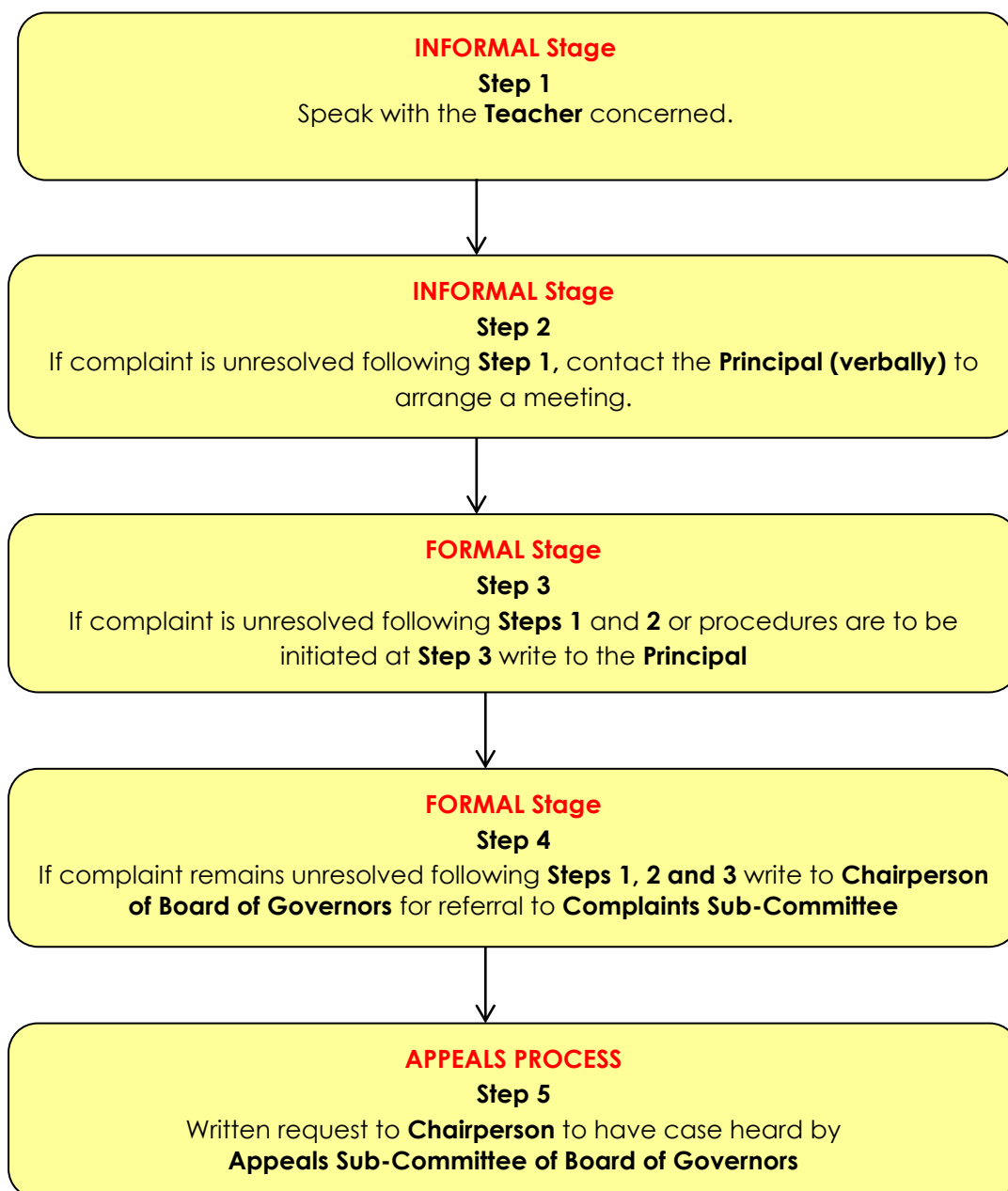


Schools chosen by Primary 7 pupils in 2016

Gaelcholáiste Dhoire	5
St.Pius	3

Complaints / Gearáin

We aim to deal with complaints or concerns in a totally professional manner and would urge you to do the following if you have a concern:



If you have a complaint or concern about a member of support staff, please begin the Complaints procedure at Step 2 as outlined above. If you have a complaint or concern against the Principal, please begin the Complaints procedure at Step 4 as outlined above. Our Complaints Policy is available on request from the school office. We assure you that any complaints or concerns will be dealt with professionally and as confidentially as possible.