

Polasaí Iontrála 2024

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Seoladh na Scoile:
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Pátrún na Scoile: An Foras Pátrúnachta

1. Réamhrá

Comhlíonann an Polasaí Iontrála seo ceanglais an Achta Oideachais 1998, an Achta Oideachais (Iontráil i Scoileanna) 2018 agus an Achta um Stádas Comhionann 2000. Agus an polasaí seo á dhréachtú, chuaigh bord bainistíochta na scoile i gcomhairle le foireann na scoile, le pátrún na scoile agus le tuismitheoirí leanaí atá ag freastal ar an scoil.

D'fhaomh an pátrún scoile an polasaí ar an 16/11/2023. Tá sé foilsithe ar shuíomh gréasáin na scoile agus cuirfear ar fáil i gcóip chrua é ar iarratas d'aon duine a iarrann é.

Tá na dátaí agus na hamlínte ábhartha do pholasaí iontrála Ghaelscoil Chluain Meala leagtha amach san fhógra maidir le hiontráil bhliantúil na scoile a fhoilsítear go bliantúil ar shuíomh gréasáin na scoile seachtain amháin ar a laghad roimh thús an phróisís iontrála don scoilbhliain lena mbaintear.

Ní mór an polasaí seo a léamh i gcomhar leis an bhfógra maidir le hIontráil Bhlíantúil na scoile don scoilbhliain lena mbaintear.

Foilsítear an fhoirm iarratais i gcomhair iontrála ar shuíomh gréasáin na scoile agus cuirfear cóip chrua di ar fáil d'aon duine a iarrann sin.

Beidh tús áite ag an leagan Gaeilge den pholasaí seo i gcás neamhréitigh.

2. Spiorad saineúil agus cuspóirí ginearálta na scoile

Is bunscóil lán-Ghaeilge de chuid An Fhorais Pátrúnachta í Gaelscoil Chluain Meala. Is scoil chomhoideachasúil í a bhí bunaithe i 1994 agus tá éiteas Caitliceach aici. Is príomhchuspóir na scoile í an Ghaeilge a chothú. Cuirimid fáilte roimh pháistí beag beann ar a gcúlra, greideamh nó riachtanais speisialta.

Bunscoil lán-Ghaelach chomhoideachais is ea Gaelscoil Chluain Meala ina cuirimid romhainn, le rannpháirtíocht oidí, daltaí agus tuismitheoirí, atmaisféar sona, socair a chur ar fáil, inar féidir an dalta a fhorbairt mar dhuine iomlán.

Eiteas Caitliceach eiteas Ghaelscoil Chluain Meala ach tugtar aitheantas cuí do chreidimh eile.

Glacaimid mar chúram orainn féin i nGhaelscoil Chluain Meala meas a chothú sna daltaí orthu féin agus ar dhaoine eile, ar a gcultúr, ar a dteanga, tuiscint ar a ndualgais i leith an phobail agus freagracht dá réir.

Cothaítar i nGaelscoil Chluain Meala cothrom gnéis i measc na foirne agus na ndaltaí.

3. Ráiteas maidir le hIontráil

Ní dhéanfaidh Gaelscoil Chluain Meala idirdhealú maidir le dalta a ligean isteach sa scoil ar bhonn aon cheann díobh seo a leanas:

- a. inscne an dalta nó an iarratasóra i leith an dalta lena mbaineann,
- b. stádas sibhialta an dalta nó an iarratasóra i leith an dalta lena mbaineann,
- c. stádas teaghlaigh an dalta nó an iarratasóra i leith an dalta lena mbaineann,
- d. gnéaschlaonadh an dalta nó an iarratasóra i leith an dalta lena mbaineann,
- e. reiligiún an dalta nó an iarratasóra i leith an dalta lena mbaineann,
- f. bunús mhíchumais an dalta nó an iarratasóra i leith an dalta lena mbaineann,
- g. cine an dalta nó an iarratasóra i leith an dalta lena mbaineann,
- h. dalta nó iarratasóir ó phobal an lucht siúil i leith an dalta lena mbaineann, nó
- i. riachtanais speisialta oideachais a bheith ag an dalta nó ag an iarratasóir i leith an dalta lena mbaineann.

De réir Alt 61 (3) den Acht Oideachas 1998, forléireofar 'foras stádais shibhialta', 'foras míchumais', 'leithcheal', 'foras stádas teaghlaigh', 'foras inscne', 'foras cine', 'foras reiligiúin', 'foras gnéaschlaonta' agus 'foras pobail Taistil' de réir alt 3 den Acht um Stádas Comhionann 2000.

Comhoibreoidh Gaelscoil Chluain Meala leis an CNOS i gcomhlíonadh feidhmeanna na Comhairle faoin Acht um Oideachas do Dhaoine a bhfuil 3 Riachtanais Speisialta Oideachais Acu 2004 maidir le soláthar oideachais do leanaí a bhfuil riachtanais speisialta oideachais acu, lena n-áirítear soláthar agus feidhmiú rang nó ranganna speisialta nuair a iarrann an Chomhairle a leithéid.

Comhlíonfaidh Gaelscoil Chluain Meala le haon ordúchán a sheirbheálfar ar an bpátrún nó ar an mbord faoi alt 37A agus aon ordúchán a sheirbheálfar ar an mbord faoi alt 67(4B) den Acht Oideachais.

Feidhmeofar aon rang speisialta a osclófar i nGaelscoil Chluain Meala trí mheán na Gaeilge.

4. Na catagóirí de Riachtanais Speisialta Oideachais a ndéantar freastal orthu sa scoil

Níl aon rang speisialta sa scoil faoi láthair

Cuirtear soláthar ardchaighdeán do dhaltáí i nGaelscoil Chluain Meala a bhfuil riachtanais speisialta oideachais acu laistigh de chreat ionchuimsitheach na scoile uile a leagann béim ar theagasc agus ar fhoghlaim éifeachtach do chách agus ar chomhoibriú agus chaidreamh maith idir scoileanna, thuismitheoirí agus daltaí.

Ba cheart an tacaíocht a chuirfí ar fáil do dhaltáí a bhfuil riachtanais speisialta oideachais acu a bheith bunaithe ar a riachtanais aitheanta agus ba cheart athbhreithnithe rialta ar dhul chun chinn a chur san áireamh ina leith sin (i gcomhairle leis na thuismitheoirí/caomhnóirí agus na daltaí) mar a leagtar amach sa Chontanam de Threoirlínte Tacaíochta.

Is é príomhchuspóir an doiciméid seo ná treoir a chur ar fáil do scoileanna maidir le hacmhainní breise teagaisc le haghaidh daltaí a bhfuil riachtanais speisialta oideachais acu a úsáid, a eagrú agus a dháileadh.

5. Daltáí a Ligean Isteach

Glactar le gach dalta atá ag lorg iontrála ach amháin sna cásanna a leanas –

- i gcás ina bhfuil ró-éileamh ar an scoil (féach alt 6 thíos le haghaidh tuilleadh sonraí)
- i gcás go dteipeann ar thuismitheoir dalta, nuair a éilíonn an príomhoide é de réir alt 23(4) den Acht Oideachais (Leas) 2000, a dhearbhu i scríbhinn go bhfuil cód iompair na scoile inghlactha dó nó di agus go ndéanfaidh sé nó sí gach iarracht réasúnach lena chinntiú go gcomhlíonfaidh an dalta an cód sin
- Toisc nach n-aithnítear páistí a fhanann siar i Rang 6 do cheapachán mhúinteora nó deontais, ní ghlactar le rollacháin do pháistí sa scoil a bhíonn ag iarraidh Rang 6 a dhéanamh arís. Má theastaíonn ó dhaltáí aistriú go Gaelscoil Chluain Meala agus athdhéanamh a dhéanamh ar rang, caithfear na cáipéisí cuí a chur ón iarscoil ag míniú na gcúiseanna de réir Ciorclán 32/03.

6. Ró-éileamh

Riachtanas Iontrála:

Ní mór do pháiste breithlá 4 bliana d'aois a bheith acu ar an 1ú Aibreán den bhliain a bheadh sé i gceist acu tosú ar scoil. Cuirfidh aon iarratas do pháiste a bheidh breithlá 4 bliana d'aois acu idir an 1ú Aibreán agus an chéad lá scoile ar an bpríomhliosta feithimh i gcás ró-éilimh & d'fhéadfaí áit a thairiscint dá mbeadh áit scoile ar fáil tar éis do na critéir a bheith curtha i bhfeidhm.

Sa chás go bhfuil ró-éileamh ar an scoil, déanfaidh an scoil na critéir roghnaithe a leanas a chur i bhfeidhm **san ord ina bhfuil siad thíos** maidir leis na hiarratais a fhaightear laistigh den amlíne chun iarratais a fháil mar atá leagtha amach i bhfógra iontrála na scoile agus na hiarratais ar chead isteach á gcinneadh aici.

- Deartháireacha, deirfiúreacha, leath-shiblí, páistí altramaigh nó uchtaithe le daltaí reatha na scoile agus le hiardhaltáí na scoile.

2. Páistí gur deimhin leis an scoil gur ghnóthaigh an dalta leibhéal líofachta sa Ghaeilge agus gur dhócha go rachadh an líofacht sin ar gcúl mura ligfí isteach i scoil lán-Ghaeilge é/í.*
3. De réir aoise; an páiste is sine ar dtús.

*Beidh an dualgas iomlán ar thuismitheoirí/chaomhnóirí fianaise leordhóthanach a chur ar fáil chun leibhéal líofachta sa Ghaeilge a léiriú don bhord. Féach eolas breise sa cháipéis ábhartha atá ar fáil ón scoil. (Féach Aguisín A)

Sa chás go bhfuil beirt daltaí nó níos mó ar chomhchéim le haghaidh áite nó áiteanna in aon cheann de na catagóirí critéir roghnúcháin thuas (agus líon na n-iarratasóirí níos mó ná líon na n-áiteanna atá fágtha), beidh feidhm ag na socrúithe a leanas:

Tá sé de cheart ag Bord na scoile uaslíon na ndaltaí in aon rang ar leith a leagadh síos. Is é an uaslíon daltaí a cheadófar sna Naíonáin Shóisearacha ná 28 i ngach rang. Má tá beirt daltaí nó níos mó ceangailte faoi chritéar 1/2, socrófar tús áite de réir an chéad chritéir eile ar an liosta. Má tá critéar 3 i gceist, cuirfear san áireamh an t-am ar a rugadh an leanbh atá ar fáil ar an deimhniú breithe.

7. An méid nach mbreithneofar ná nach gcuirfear san áireamh

De réir alt 62(7)(e) den Acht Oideachais 1998, ní dhéanfaidh an scoil aon cheann díobh seo a leanas a bhreithniú ná a chur san áireamh agus iarratais ar chead isteach á gcinneadh nó nuair a bhíonn dalta á c(h)ur ar liosta feithimh le haghaidh iontrála sa scoil.

Ní mór do scoileanna pointí (a) go (g) a chuimsiú anseo. Tá eisceachtaí teoranta ann ó chúis díobh seo a bhfuil aibhsiú dearg orthu agus ní mór do scoileanna na heisceachtaí a bhaineann leo a choinneáil agus iad sin nach mbaineann a scriosadh:

- a. freastal roimh ré ag dalta ar réamhscoil nó ar sheirbhís réamhscoile, lena n-áirítear naíonraí,
- b. íocaíocht táillí nó ranníocaíochtaí (cibé slí a dtuairiscítear é) leis an scoil;
- c. cumas, scileanna nó inniúlacht acadúil an dalta;
 - lígean isteach i scoil lán-Ghaeilge, de réir fhorálacha alt 62(9) den Acht
- d. gairm, stádas airgeadais, cumas acadúil, scileanna nó inniúlacht tuismitheoirí dalta;
- e. ceanglas go bhfreastalóidh dalta, nó a t(h)uismitheoirí ar agallamh, lá oscailte nó cruinniú eile mar choinníoll iontrála;
- f. ceangal dalta leis an scoil de bhua duine dá t(h)eaghlach ag freastal ar an scoil nó a d'fhreastail ar an scoil roimhe sin;
 - seachas go bhfuil sé i gceist ag an scoil:
 - critéir roghnúcháin a chur san áireamh bunaithe ar dheartháireacha nó deirfiúracha dalta atá ag freastal ar an scoil faoi láthair nó a d'fhreastail ar an scoil roimhe seo.
- g. an dáta agus an t-am ar ghlac an scoil le hiarratas iontrála

Tá sé seo faoi réir an iarratais a bheith faighte ag am ar bith le linn na tréimhse a shonraítear chun iarratais a fháil- mar atá leagtha amach i bhfógra iontrála bliantúil na scoile don scoilbhliain lena mbaineann.

Tá sé seo faoi réir freisin ag tairiscintí a bheith tugtha ag an scoil go foirmiúil i scríbhinn cheana féin, bunaithe ar liostaí feithimh reatha (suas go dtí an 31ú Eanáir 2025 amháin).

8. Cinntí ar iarratais

Beidh na cinntí go léir maidir le hiarratais ar iontráil chuig Gaelscoil Chluain Meala bunaithe ar na nithe a leanas:

- Polasaí iontrála na scoile
- Fógra iontrála bliantúil na scoile (nuair is cuí);
- An fhaisnéis a chuir an t-iarratasóir ar fáil i bhfoirm iarratais oifigiúil na scoile a fuarthas le linn na tréimhse atá sonraithe inár bhfógra iontrála bliantúil chun iarratais a fháil;

(Féach alt 14 thíos maidir le hiarratais a fuarthas lasmuigh den tréimhse iontrála agus alt 15 thíos maidir le hiarratais ar áiteanna i mblianta seachas an grúpa ligthe isteach.)

Ní úsáidfeadh critéir roghnúcháin nach n-áirítear inár bpolasaí iontrála scoile chun cinneadh a dhéanamh maidir le hiarratas ar áit inár scoil.

9. Cinntí a chur in iúl d'iarratasóirí

Cuirfeadh iarratasóirí ar an eolas i scríbhinn maidir le cinneadh na scoile, laistigh den amlíne atá leagtha amach san fhógra bliantúil iontrála.

Mura dtairgtear áit do dhalta inár scoil, cuirfeadh na cúiseanna nár tairgeadh áit dó nó di ar fáil i scríbhinn don iarratasóir, lena n-áirítear, nuair is infheidhme, sonraí maidir le rangú an dalta i gcoinne na gcritéir roghnúcháin agus na sonraí faoi áit an dalta ara an liosta feithimh don scoilbhliain lena mbaineann.

Cuirfeadh iarratasóirí ar an eolas faoin gceart chun athbhreithniú/ceart achomhairc a lorg maidir le cinneadh na scoile (féach alt 18 thíos le haghaidh tuilleadh sonraí).

10. Glacadh le tairiscint áite ag iarratasóir

Agus tairiscint iontrála á glacadh agat ó Ghaelscoil Chluain Meala, ní mór duit an méid a leanas a léiriú:

(i) cé acu an bhfuil nó nach bhfuil glactha agat le tairiscint iontrála ar scoil nó ar scoileanna eile. Má ghlac tú le tairiscint den sórt sin, ní mór duit sonraí na tairisceana nó na dtairiscintí lena mbaineann a chur ar fáil freisin.

(ii) cé acu an bhfuil iarratas déanta agat ar thairiscint iontrála ó scoil nó ó scoileanna eile nó cé acu an bhfuil tú ag feitheamh lena dheimhniú, agus má tá, ní mór duit sonraí na scoile nó na scoileanna eile lena mbaineann a sholáthar.

11. Cúinsí nach féidir tairiscintí a dhéanamh ina leith nó a tharraingt siar

Ní féidir le Gaelscoil Chluain Meala tairiscint iontrála a dhéanamh ná a tharraingt siar ach sna cásanna a leanas —

- i. déantar amach go bhfuil an fhaisnéis atá san iarratas bréagach nó míthreorach.
- ii. teipeann ar iarratasóir glacadh le tairiscint iontrála ar nó roimh an dáta atá leagtha amach i bhfógra iontrála bliantúil na scoile.
- iii. má theipeann ar thuismitheoir dalta, nuair a éilíonn an príomhoide é de réir alt 23(4) den Acht Oideachais (Leas) 2000, a dhearbhu i scríbhinn go bhfuil cód iompair na scoile inghlactha dó nó di agus go ndéanfaidh sé nó sí gach iarracht réasúnach lena chinntiú go gcomhlíonfaidh an dalta an cód sin; nó
- iv. teipeann ar iarratasóir riachtanais a chomhlíonadh chun 'glacadh le tairiscint' mar atá leagtha amach in alt 10 thuas.

12. Sonraí a roinnt le scoileanna eile

Ba chóir d'iarratasóirí a bheith feasach go gceadaítear le hAlt 66(6) den Acht Oideachas (Iontráil Scoileanna), 2018 comhroinnt sonraí idir scoileanna d'fhonn iontráil éifeachtach daltaí a éascú.

Tá ceadaithe de réir Alt 66 (6) do scoil liosta de na daltaí a sholáthar do phátrún nó do bhord bainistíochta eile:

- (i) go bhfuarthas iarratas ar ligean isteach sa scoil,
- (ii) go ndearnadh tairiscint ar áit sa scoil, nó
- (iii) gur glacadh le tairiscint ar áit scoile.

Féadfaidh aon cheann nó gach ceann díobh seo a leanas a bheith ar an liosta:

- (i) an dáta a fuair an scoil iarratas ar áit scoile;
- (ii) an dáta a rinne an scoil tairiscint ar áit scoile;
- (iii) an dáta ar ghlac iarratasóir le tairiscint ar áit scoile;
- (iv) sonraí pearsanta dalta(i) lena n-áirítear ainm, seoladh, dáta breithe agus uimhir seirbhíse poiblí pearsanta (de réir bhrí alt 262 den Acht Comhdhlúthaithe Leasa Shóisialaigh 2005).

13. Liosta feithimh i gcás ró-éilimh

I gcás go mbeidh níos mó iarratas ar an scoilbhliain lena mbaineann ná na háiteanna atá ar fáil, tiomsófar liosta feithimh de dhaltaí nár éirigh lena n-iarratas ar iontráil chuig Gaelscoil Chluain Meala mar gheall ar ró-éileamh ar an scoil agus beidh siad bailí don scoilbhliain ina bhfuil cead isteach á lorg.

Tá socrúchán ar liosta feithimh Ghaelscoil Chluain Meala san ord tosaíochta a shanntar d'iarratais na ndaltaí tar éis don scoil na critéir roghnúcháin a chur i bhfeidhm de réir an pholasaí iontrála seo.

Déanfar tairiscintí maidir le haon áiteanna ina dhiaidh sin a bheidh ar fáil don scoilbhliain agus lena linn a bhfuil cead isteach á lorg ina leith maidir leis na daltaí sin ar an liosta feithimh, de réir an oird tosaíochta ar cuireadh na daltaí ar an liosta.

Déanfar an liosta forlíontach feithimh a chruthú má fhaightear iarratais tar éis an dáta deiridh a leagtar amach san Fhógra Iontrála Bliantúil. Cuirfear na hiarratais in ord de réir na gcritéar roghnúcháin sa pholasaí iontrála seo. Beidh an chéad liosta feithimh glanta sula ndéanfar áiteanna a thairiscint d'iarrthóirí ar an liosta forlíontach seo.

14. Iarratais Dhéanacha

Déanfaidh áit a thairiscint má tá áit ar fáil sa scoil.

Má tá ró-éileamh ar áiteanna sa scoil tar éis an príomhphróisis iontrála, líonfar aon áit scoile a thagann chun cinn ina dhiaidh sin ón liosta feithimh a cruthaítear as an bpróiseas sin.

Má fhaightear iarratais tar éis an dáta deiridh mar atá leagtha amach san Fhógra Iontrála Bliantúil déanfar liosta forlíontach feithimh a chruthú. Beidh an príomhliosta feithimh glanta sula ndéanfar áiteanna a thairiscint d'iarrthóirí ar an liosta forlíontach seo. Nuair a thagann spás chun cinn sa scoil, déanfar na hiarratais ar an liosta forlíontach feithimh a mheas de réir na gcritéar roghnúcháin sa pholasaí iontrála seo ar an lá a thagann an áit scoile sin chun cinn de réir an Achta um Iontrálacha Scoile 2018 agus de réir aon rialacháin a rinneadh faoin Acht sin.

15. Nósanna imeachta maidir le daltaí a ligean isteach i mblianta eile agus le linn na scoilbhliana

Seo a leanas nósanna imeachta na scoile maidir le daltaí a ligean isteach nach bhfuil glactha isteach sa scoil cheana féin chuig ranganna nó blianta seachas grúpa iontrála na scoile **ag tús na scoilbhliana**:

Is gá do thuismitheoirí/caomhnóirí ar mian leo iarratas a dhéanamh ar áit in aon rang seachas Naíonáin Shóisearacha litir iarratais chuige sin a scríobh chuig Cathaoirleach an Bhoird. Is é an Bord Bainistíochta a dhéanfaidh an cinneadh faoi pháistí a ghlacadh in aon rang eile agus is faoin mBord amháin atá an cinneadh seo. Bíonn rang lán nuair a shroictear 25 dalta. D'fhéadfadh go ndéanfaí eisceacht do dhaltaí a d'fhreastal ar

ghaelscoil agus a bhogann go dtí an ceantar. Fanann an cinneadh seo go hiol is go hiomlán leis an mBord Bainistíochta.

Naíonáin Shinsearacha/Rang 1

Tabharfar áit má tá áit ar fáil sna ranganna seo a leanas: Naíonáin Shinsearacha agus Rang 1. Sa chás go sáraíonn líon na n-iarratas líon na n-áiteanna atá ar fáil sa rang ábhartha, cuirfidh an scoil na critéir roghnúcháin atá leagtha amach i Roinn 6 den bheartas seo i bhfeidhm ar na hiarratais sin. Sa chás nach bhfuil aon áit ar fáil, cuirfear ainm an pháiste ar an liosta feithimh de réir Alt 13 den bheartas seo.

Rang 2 go Rang 6

Tabharfar áit do pháistí i Rang 2 – Rang 6 má tá spás sa rang **agus** má chinneann an Príomhoide/Bord Bainistíochta go bhfuil cumas Gaeilge an pháiste ar leibhéal a ligfeadh don pháiste feidhmiú agus foghlaim sa rang agus nach mbeadh ar dhaltaí eile iompú ar an mBéarla chun cumarsáid a dhéanamh. **Beidh ar an tuismitheoir/caomhnóir fianaise den chaighdeán seo a chur ar fáil.** Is ag an mBord Bainistíochta a bheidh an cinneadh deiridh sna cásanna seo.

Is iad a leanas nósanna imeachta na scoile maidir le daltaí a ligean isteach nach bhfuil glactha isteach sa scoil cheana féin, **le linn na scoilbhliana** ina lorgáítear an cead isteach :

Is gá do thuismitheoirí/caomhnóirí ar mian leo iarratas a dhéanamh ar áit in aon rang seachas Naíonáin Shóisearacha litir iarratais chuige sin a scríobh chuig Cathaoirleach an Bhoird. Is é an Bord Bainistíochta a dhéanfaidh an cinneadh faoi pháistí a ghlacadh in aon rang eile agus is faoin mBord amháin atá an cinneadh seo.

Naíonáin Shinsearacha/Rang 1

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Rang 2 go Rang 6

Tabharfar áit do pháistí i Rang 1 – Rang 6 má tá spás sa rang **agus** má chinneann an Príomhoide/Bord Bainistíochta go bhfuil cumas Gaeilge an pháiste ar leibhéal a ligfeadh don pháiste feidhmiú agus foghlaim sa rang agus nach mbeadh ar dhaltaí eile iompú ar an mBéarla chun cumarsáid a dhéanamh. **Beidh ar an tuismitheoir/caomhnóir fianaise den chaighdeán seo a chur ar fáil.** Is ag an mBord Bainistíochta a bheidh an cinneadh deiridh sna cásanna seo.

16. Dearbhú maidir le gan táillí a ghearradh

Ní ghearrfaidh bord Ghaelscoil Chluain Meala ná aon duine a ghníomhaíonn thar a cheann táillí ar íocaíocht nó ní lorgóidh sé nó sí íocaíocht ná ranníocaíocht (cibé slí a dtuairiscítear) mar choinníoll de -

- a. iarratas ar dhalta a ligean isteach sa scoil, nó
- b. iontráil nó clárú leanúnach dalta sa scoil.

17. Socruithe maidir le daltaí nach bhfreastalaíonn ar theagasc reiligiúnach

Seo a leanas socruithe na scoile do dhaltaí, sa chás gur iarr na tuismitheoirí a d'iarr go bhfreastalódh an dalta ar an scoil gan freastal ar theagasc reiligiúnach sa scoil. Ní bheidh laghdú ar lá scoile na ndaltaí sin mar thoradh ar na socruithe sin.

Is bunscóil Chaitliceach í Gaelscoil Chluain Meala. Dé bharr spreagadh ó shaol agus ó theagasc Íosa Críost, cuirimid romhainn luachanna traidisiúnta Caitliceach agus déantar iarracht i gcónaí na luachanna sin a fhorbairt. Dá chomhartha sin cuirimid romhainn atmaisféar cothrom, tuisceanach bunaithe ar soiscéal Dé, éiteas na hEaglaise agus teagasc Críostaí.

Ó thaobh clárúcháin sa scoil de, ní dhéanann Gaelscoil Chluain Meala idirdhealú idir páistí bunaithe ar bhonn creidimh. Leantar an polasaí chlárúcháin nuair a bhíonn tuismitheoirí ag iarraidh a bpáiste a chlárú. Taispeántar meas do chreidimh agus nósanna eile, ag cloí leis ár bpolasaí faoi éiteas uileghabhálach.

Bíonn fáilte roimh gach páiste a chomhlíonann na critéir atá leagtha síos don chlárúcháin, ach ní féidir leis an scoil oideachas ilchreidmheach a chur ar fáil do pháistí. Faoi láthair, mar gheall ar shaincheisteanna maoirseachta, fanann na páistí sa seomra ranga fad is a bhíonn teagasc reiligiúnach ann ach ní iarrtar orthu a bheith rannpháirteach sa rang agus spreagtar iad chun léamh nó obair éigin neamhspléach eile a dhéanamh. Tá fáilte rompu bheith rannpháirteach i bplé nó cheiliúradh más mian leo. Is féidir teagmháil a dhéanamh leis an múinteoir ranga nó an príomhoide maidir leis na socraithe do rang reiligiúin muna theastaíonn uait go mbeadh do pháiste páirteach sa rang.

18. An ceart chun athbheithnithe/achomhairc

Athbheithniú ar chinntí an Bhord Bainistíochta

Féadfaidh tuismitheoir dalta, a iarraidh ar an mbord athbheithniú a dhéanamh ar an gcinneadh áit sa scoil a dhiúltú. Ní mór iarratais den gcineál sin a dhéanamh de réir Alt 29C den Acht Oideachais 1998.

Tá an t-amlíne ina gcaithfear athbheithniú den gcineál sin a iarraidh agus na ceanglais eile a bhaineann maidir le hathbheithnithe den gcineál sin leagtha amach sna nósanna imeachta arna gcinneadh ag an Aire faoi alt 29B den Acht Oideachais 1998 atá foilsithe ar shuíomh gréasáin na Roinne Oideachais agus Scileanna.

Déanfaidh an Bord athbheithnithe den gcineál sin de réir na nósanna imeachta a rialaítear faoi Alt 29B i gcomhair le Alt 29C den Acht Oideachais 1998.

Tabhair faoi deara: Sa chás gur diúltaíodh áit d'iarratasóir mar gheall ar ró-éileamh ar áiteanna sa scoil, ní mór don iarratasóir iarraidh ar an mbord bainistíochta, **athbheithniú ar**

an gcinneadh sin a dhéanamh roimh achomharc a dhéanamh faoi alt 29 den Acht Oideachais 1998.

Sa chás gur diúltaíodh áit d'iarratasóir mar gheall ar chúis seachas ró-éileamh ar áiteanna sa scoil, féadfaidh an t-iarratasóir iarraidh ar an mbord bainistíochta, **athbhreithniú ar an gcinneadh** sin a dhéanamh roimh achomharc a dhéanamh faoi alt 29 den Acht Oideachais 1998.

Ceart achomhairc

Faoi Alt 29 den Acht Oideachais 1998, féadfaidh tuismitheoir dalta, nó i gcás dalta a bhfuil 18 mbliana d'aois slánaithe aige/aici, féadfaidh sé/sí achomharc a dhéanamh ar chinneadh na scoile seo áit sa scoil a dhiúltú.

Is féidir achomharc a dhéanamh faoi Alt 29 (1)(c)(i) den Acht Oideachais 1998 sa chás gur diúltaíodh áit d'iarratasóir mar gheall ar ró-éileamh ar áiteanna sa scoil.

Is féidir achomharc a dhéanamh faoi Alt 29 (1)(c)(ii) den Acht Oideachais 1998 sa chás gur diúltaíodh áit d'iarratasóir mar gheall ar chúis seachas ró-éileamh ar áiteanna sa scoil.

Sa chás gur diúltaíodh áit d'iarratasóir mar gheall ar ró-éileamh ar áiteanna sa scoil, **ní mór** don iarratasóir iarraidh ar an mbord bainistíochta **athbhreithniú ar an gcinneadh** sin a dhéanamh **roimh achomharc a dhéanamh** faoi alt 29 den Acht Oideachais 1998. (féach Athbhreithniú ar chinntí an Bhord Bainistíochta)

Sa chás gur diúltaíodh áit d'iarratasóir mar gheall ar chás seachas ró-éileamh ar áiteanna sa scoil, féadfaidh an t-iarratasóir iarraidh ar an mbord bainistíochta **athbhreithniú ar an gcinneadh** sin a dhéanamh roimh achomharc a dhéanamh faoi alt 29 den Acht Oideachais 1998. (féach Athbhreithniú ar chinntí an Bhord Bainistíochta)

Déanfar achomhairc faoi Alt 29 den Acht Oideachais 1998 a mheas agus a chinneadh ag coiste neamhspleách achomhairc arna cheapadh ag an Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna.

Tá an t-amlíne ina gcaithfear achomharc den chineál sin a iarraidh agus na ceanglais eile a bhaineann maidir le hachomhairc den chineál sin leagtha amach sna nósanna imeachta arna gcinneadh ag an Aire faoi alt 29B den Acht Oideachais 1998 atá foilsithe ar shuíomh gréasáin na Roinne Oideachais agus Scileanna.

Aguisín A-Treoir Maidir Caighdeán Gaeilge a Leagan Síos agus a Mheas

Tugann Gaelscoil Chluain Meala aitheantais inár bpolasaí do pháistí a bhfuil leibhéal líofachta sa Ghaeilge acu agus gur dhócha go rachadh an líofacht sin ar gcúl mura ligfí isteach i scoil lán-Ghaeilge iad. Tugann an critéar deis do na teaghlaigh seo áit a bhaint amach dá bpáistí i scoil lán-Ghaeilge.

I gcás ró-éilimh nuair a úsáidtear an critéar seo chun áit scoile a ofráil, ní mór don Bhord a bheith in ann a chruthú go ndearnadh na hiarratais a mheas ar bhonn oibiachtúil. Déanfaidh an leasphríomhoide agus ball amháin den fhoireann inbhainstíocht scoile measúnu ar na hiarratais don chritéir seo amháin.

Seo a leanas na táscairí a úsáidtear chun leibhéal líofachta a mheas:

An bhfuil an dalta:

- In ann a s(h)amhlaíocht féin a úsáid chun scéalta simplí a insint i nGaeilge?
- In ann éisteacht le scéal gairid atá oiriúnach dá (h)aois agus ceisteanna a fhreagairt faoi?
- In ann súgradh lena p(h)iaráí/tuismitheoir trí mheán na Gaeilge?
- In ann caint faoi na rudaí lasmuigh den naíonra/scoil is spéis leis/léi (spórt, damhsa, clann, caithimh aimsire, cluichí ríomhaire srl.)?
- In ann caint faoi imeachtaí an lae/na seachtaine agus idirdhealú a dhéanamh idir na haimsirí (Cad a rinneamar, cad a dhéanaimid)?
- In ann comhréir cheart na Gaeilge a léiriú (an féidir liom fáil mo chóta, sin mise's, srl)?

Is faoin mBord is atá sé an leibhéal líofachta is inghlactha a leagan síos ach é a bheith doiciméadaithe agus seicliosta cruthaithe agus comhlánaithe do gach iarratasóir a bhaineann leas as an gcritéar seo.

2. Fianaise a sholáthar

Tá an fhreagracht ar an tuismitheoir (ní ar an scoil) fianaise leordhóthanach a sholáthar don scoil má éilítear ar fhoirm iontrála:

- gur ghnóthaigh an dalta leibhéal líofachta sa Ghaeilge agus
- gur dócha go rachadh líofacht an dalta sa Ghaeilge ar chúl mura ligfí isteach é/í i scoil lán-Ghaeilge

Caithfidh aon duine a bhaineann leas as an gcritéar seo fianaise a sholáthar ar a líofacht. Níl eisceacht air seo. Ní cheadmhach faoin Acht ach an fhianaise atá curtha faoi bhráid an Bhoird a chur san áireamh nuair atá cinneadh á dhéanamh ar áiteanna scoile a ofráil.

3. Cén sórt fianaise?

Seo roinnt moltaí ar an gcineál fianaise a d'fhéadfadh an tuismitheoir a sholáthar don scoil:

- Físeán den pháiste agus é/í ag úsáid Gaeilge go nádúrtha i suíomh an bhaile. Ba chóir go mbeadh éagsúlacht comhthéacsanna ann (féach thuas). Moltar físeán idir 10-15 nóiméad.
- Físeán den pháiste ag úsáid Gaeilge le teaghlaigh eile nó piaraí i suíomh lasmuigh den bhaile mar shampla imeacht, Ghlor na Gael, Sheachtain na Gaeilge srl.

Ní fianaise í litir ó naíonra, eagraíocht Ghaeilge srl. ar líofacht sa teanga.

Níl na moltaí seo uileghabhálach agus ní gá go mbeadh an fhianaise a sholáthraítear teoranta do cheann amháin de na moltaí thuas. Dá mhéid fianaise a sholáthraíonn an tuiste is éasca don bhord cinneadh a dhéanamh agus an cinneadh sin a chosaint i gcás achomhairc.

Má tá Riachtanais Speisialta ag an bpáiste, cuirfear ábaltacht an pháiste san áireamh sa chás sin.

Agus iarratais á meas ag an mBord Bainistíochta, ní cheadmhach ach an fhianaise atá curtha ag an tuiste faoina bhráid a chur san áireamh. Ní féidir le tuairimíocht, aithne ar an teaghlach srl. a bheith mar chuid den phróiseas cinnteoireachta.

Admission Policy 2024

Admission Policy of Gaelscoil Chluain Meala

School Address: An Baile Gaelach, Cluain Meala, Co Thiobraid Árann

Roll number: 20007C

School Patron: An Foras Pátrúnachta

1. Introduction

This Admission Policy complies with the requirements of the Education Act 1998, the Education (Admission to Schools) Act 2018 and the Equal Status Act 2000. In drafting this policy, the board of management of the school has consulted with school staff, the school patron and with parents of children attending the school.

The policy was approved by the school patron on 16/11/2023. It is published on the school's website and will be made available in hardcopy, on request, to any person who requests it.

The relevant dates and timelines for Gaelscoil Chluain Meala's admission process are set out in the school's annual admission notice which is published annually on the school's website at least one week before the commencement of the admission process for the school year concerned.

This policy must be read in conjunction with the annual admission notice for the school year concerned.

The application form for admission is published on the school's website and will be made available in hardcopy on request to any person who requests it.

2. Characteristic spirit and general objectives of the school

Gaelscoil Chluain Meala is an All-Irish primary school under the patronage of An Foras Patrúnachta. It is a co-educational school established in 1994 and has a Catholic ethos. The promotion of Irish is a primary objective of the school. We welcome all children regardless of their background, beliefs or special needs. This school enrolls pupils of other faiths or no faith in the school, subject to the enrolment criteria, and respects their beliefs and practices in accordance with the school ethos of inclusivity.

Mission Statement

Gaelscoil Chluain Meala is a co-educational Irish Language primary school in which we endeavour, with the participation of teachers, students and parents, to provide a happy secure atmosphere in which the student may develop as a whole person.

The ethos of Gaelscoil Chluain Meala is Catholic, but due recognition is given to other beliefs.

We endeavour to cultivate in the students of Gaelscoil Chluain Meala respect for themselves and for others, for their culture, their language and an understanding and acceptance of their responsibilities towards the community.

3. Admission Statement

Gaelscoil Chluain Meala will not discriminate in its admission of a student to the school on any of the following:

- a. the gender ground of the student or the applicant in respect of the student concerned,
- b. the civil status ground of the student or the applicant in respect of the student concerned,
- c. the family status ground of the student or the applicant in respect of the student concerned,
- d. the sexual orientation ground of the student or the applicant in respect of the student concerned,
- e. the religion ground of the student or the applicant in respect of the student concerned,
- f. the disability ground of the student or the applicant in respect of the student concerned,
- g. the ground of race of the student or the applicant in respect of the student concerned,
- h. the Traveller community ground of the student or the applicant in respect of the student concerned, or
- i. the ground that the student or the applicant in respect of the student concerned has special educational needs

As per section 61 (3) of the Education Act 1998, 'civil status ground', 'disability ground', 'discriminate', 'family status ground', 'gender ground', 'ground of race', 'religion ground', 'sexual orientation ground' and 'Traveller community ground' shall be construed in accordance with section 3 of the Equal Status Act 2000.

Gaelscoil Chluain Meala will cooperate with the National Council for Special Education in the performance by the Council of its functions under the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs Act 2004 relating to the provision of education to children with special educational needs, including in particular by the provision and operation of a special class or classes when requested to do so by the Council.

And

Gaelscoil Chluain Meala will comply with any direction served on the patron or the board, as the case may be, under section 37A and any direction served on the board under section 67(4B) of the Education Act.

Any special class which may open in Gaelscoil Chluain Meala will operate through the medium of Irish. The school does not currently have a special class.

4. Categories of Special Educational Needs catered for in the school

Effective provision for pupils with special educational needs within mainstream admissions in Gaelscoil Chluain Meala is situated within an inclusive whole-school framework which emphasises effective teaching and learning for all and good collaboration and engagement between school, parents/guardians and pupils. Supports provided to pupils with special educational needs will be based on identified needs and be informed by regular reviews of progress (in consultation with parents and pupils) as outlined in the Continuum of Support Guidelines (Refer to Special Education Policy for further information).

5. Admission of Students

This school shall admit each student seeking admission except where –

- a. the school is oversubscribed (please see section 6 below for further details)
- b. a parent of a student, when required by the principal in accordance with section 23(4) of the Education (Welfare) Act 2000, fails to confirm in writing that the code of behaviour of the school is acceptable to him or her and that he or she shall make all reasonable efforts to ensure compliance with such code by the student
- c. As the DES does not recognise pupils who repeat sixth class for teacher appointment purposes or grants, we do not accept enrolments for pupils who want to repeat sixth class. Pupils who wish to transfer and repeat a class in our school, the parents must supply the relevant documentation from the previous school outlining the reasons why in line with Circular 32/03.

6. Oversubscription (this section must be completed by all schools including schools that do not anticipate being oversubscribed)

Admission Requirement: A child must have their 4th birthday on April 1st of the year they intend to start school. Any application for a child who will reach their 4th birthday between 1st April and the first day of the school year will be placed on the main waiting list in the event of over-demand & may be offered a place if a school place becomes available after criteria have been applied.

In the event that the school is oversubscribed, the school will, when deciding on applications for admission, apply the following selection criteria **in the order listed below** to those applications that are received within the timeline for receipt of applications as set out in the school's annual admission notice:

1. Brothers, sisters, half-siblings, foster children or adopted children of current and past pupils.
2. Children who have attained a determined level of fluency in Irish which would be likely to decline if he / she is not admitted to an all-Irish school. *

3 According to age; the oldest child first.

*** The onus will be on parents / guardians to provide sufficient evidence to demonstrate to the board the required level of fluency in Irish. See further information in the relevant document available from the school. (See Appendix A)**

In the event that there are two or more students tied for a place or places in any of the selection criteria categories above (the number of applicants exceeds the number of remaining places), the following arrangements will apply:

The school Board reserves the right to set the maximum number of pupils in any given class. The maximum number of pupils to be admitted in Junior Infants shall be 29 per class. If two or more pupils are tied under criteria 1 or 2, priority will be set according to the next criterion on the list. If criterion 3 applies, the time of birth available on the birth certificate will be taken into account.

7. What will not be considered or taken into account

In accordance with section 62 (7) (e) of the Education Act, the school will not consider or take into account any of the following in deciding on applications for admission or when placing a student on a waiting list for admission to the school:

Points (a) to (g) must be included here by all schools. There are limited exceptions to some of these (highlighted in red below) and schools must retain the exceptions that apply to them and delete those that do not:

- a. a student's prior attendance at a pre-school or pre-school service, including naíonraí,
;
- b. the payment of fees or contributions (howsoever described) to the school;
- c. a student's academic ability, skills or aptitude;
other than in relation to:
 - admission to an Irish language school, in accordance with the provisions of section 62(9) of the act
- d. the occupation, financial status, academic ability, skills or aptitude of a student's parents;
- e. a requirement that a student, or his or her parents, attend an interview, open day or other meeting as a condition of admission;
- f. a student's connection to the school by virtue of a member of his or her family attending or having previously attended the school;

other than in the case of the school wishing to include a selection criteria based on siblings of a student attending or having attended the school.

- g. the date and time on which an application for admission was received by the school,

This is subject to the application being received at any time during the period specified for receiving applications set out in the annual admission notice of the school for the school year concerned.

8. Decisions on applications

All decisions on applications for admission to Gaelscoil Chluain Meala will be based on the following:

- Our school's admission policy
- The school's annual admission notice (where applicable)
- The information provided by the applicant in the school's official application form received during the period specified in our annual admission notice for receiving applications

(Please see Section 14 below in relation to applications received outside of the admissions period and Section 15 below in relation to applications for places in years other than the intake group.)

Selection criteria that are not included in our school admission policy will not be used to make a decision on an application for a place in our school.

9. Notifying applicants of decisions

Applicants will be informed in writing as to the decision of the school, within the timeline outlined in the annual admissions notice.

If a student is not offered a place in our school, the reasons why they were not offered a place will be communicated in writing to the applicant, including, where applicable, details of the student's ranking against the selection criteria and details of the student's place on the waiting list for the school year concerned.

Applicants will be informed of the right to seek a review/right of appeal of the school's decision (See Section 18 below for further details).

10. Acceptance of an offer of a place by an applicant

In accepting an offer of admission from Gaelscoil Chluain Meala, you must indicate—

- (i) whether or not you have accepted an offer of admission for another school or schools. If you have accepted such an offer, you must also provide details of the offer or offers concerned and

(ii) whether or not you have applied for and awaiting confirmation of an offer of admission from another school or schools, and if so, you must provide details of the other school or schools concerned.

11. Circumstances in which offers may not be made or may be withdrawn

An offer of admission may not be made or may be withdrawn by Gaelscoil Chluain Meala where—

- i. it is established that information contained in the application is false or misleading.
- ii. an applicant fails to confirm acceptance of an offer of admission on or before the date set out in the annual admission notice of the school.
- iii. the parent of a student, when required by the principal in accordance with section 23(4) of the Education (Welfare) Act 2000, fails to confirm in writing that the code of behaviour of the school is acceptable to him or her and that he or she shall make all reasonable efforts to ensure compliance with such code by the student; or
- iv. an applicant has failed to comply with the requirements of ‘acceptance of an offer’ as set out in Section 10 above.

12. Sharing of Data with other schools

Applicants should be aware that section 66(6) of the Education (Admission to Schools) Act 2018 allows for the sharing of certain information between schools in order to facilitate the efficient admission of students.

Section 66(6) allows a school to provide a patron or another board of management with a list of the students in relation to whom—

- (i) an application for admission to the school has been received,
- (ii) an offer of admission to the school has been made, or
- (iii) an offer of admission to the school has been accepted.

The list may include any or all of the following:

- (i) the date on which an application for admission was received by the school;
- (ii) the date on which an offer of admission was made by the school;
- (iii) the date on which an offer of admission was accepted by an applicant;
- (iv) a student’s personal details including his or her name, address, date of birth and personal public service number (within the meaning of section 262 of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005).

13. Waiting list in the event of oversubscription

In the event of there being more applications to the school year concerned than places available, a waiting list of students whose applications for admission to Gaelscoil Chluain Meala were unsuccessful due to the school being oversubscribed will be compiled and will remain valid for the school year in which admission is being sought.

Placement on the waiting list of Gaelscoil Chluain Meala is in the order of priority assigned to the students' applications after the school has applied the selection criteria in accordance with this admission policy.

Offers of any subsequent places that become available for and during the school year in relation to which admission is being sought will be made to those students on the waiting list, in accordance with the order of priority in relation to which the students have been placed on the list.

14. Late Applications

A place will be offered if a place is available in the school.

If there is an over-subscription for places at the school following the main admissions process, any school place that subsequently emerges from the waiting list created from that process will be filled.

If applications are received after the closing date as set out in the Annual Admission Notice a supplementary waiting list will be created. The main waiting list will be cleared before candidates are offered places on this supplementary list. When a space becomes available in the school, applications for the supplementary waiting list will be considered against the selection criteria in this admissions policy on the day that that place becomes available in accordance with the School Admissions Act 2018 and in accordance with any regulations made under that Act.

15. Procedures for admission of students to other years and during the school year

The procedures of the school in relation to the admission of students who are not already admitted to the school to classes or years **other than the school's intake group at the beginning of the school year** are as follows:

Parents/guardians wishing to apply for a place in any class other than Junior Infants must write an application letter to this effect to the Chairperson of the Board. The decision to accept children in any other class is a matter for the Board of Management to decide. Classes are deemed full at 25 pupils. The board may make an exception for pupils who have attended a Gaelscoil and who move to the area. This decision lays with the board of management.

Senior Infants / 1st Class

Places will be allocated if places are available in the following classes: Senior Infants and 1st Class. Where the number of applications exceeds the number of places available in the

relevant class, the school will apply the selection criteria set out in Section 6 of this policy to this application. Where no places are available, the child's name will be placed on the waiting list in accordance with Section 13 of this policy.

2nd to 6th Class

Children in 2nd to 6th class will be given a place if there is space in the class **and** the Principal / Board of Management decides that the child's Irish language ability is at a level that would allow the child to function and learn in class and where other pupils would not have to turn to English to communicate. **The parent/guardian will be required to provide evidence of this standard.** The Board of Management will have the final decision in these cases.

The procedures of the school in relation to the admission of students who are not already admitted to the school, **after the commencement of the school year** in which admission is sought, are as follows:

Parents / guardians wishing to apply for a place in any class during the school year other than Junior Infants must write an application letter to this effect to the Chairperson of the Board. The decision to accept children in any other class is a matter for the Board of Management to decide.

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Places will be allocated if places are available in the following classes: Senior Infants and 1st Class. Where the number of applications exceeds the number of places available in the relevant class, the school will apply the selection criteria set out in Section 6 of this policy to such applications. Where no places are available, the child's name will be placed on the waiting list in accordance with Section 13 of this policy.

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16. Declaration in relation to the non-charging of fees

This rule applies to all schools.

The board of Gaelscoil Chluain Meala or any persons acting on its behalf will not charge fees for or seek payment or contributions (howsoever described) as a condition of-

- a. an application for admission of a student to the school, or
- b. the admission or continued enrolment of a student in the school.

17. Arrangements regarding students not attending religious instruction

The following are the school's arrangements for students, where the parents have requested in writing that the student attend the school without attending religious instruction in the school. These arrangements will not result in a reduction in the school day of such students:

Catholic Schools:

Gaelscoil Chluain Meala is a Catholic school and models and promotes a philosophy inspired by belief in God and traditional Catholic values. We promote religious education for the pupils in accordance with the doctrines, practices and ethos of the Catholic Church. This school enrolls pupils of other faiths or no faith in the school, subject to the enrolment criteria, and respects their beliefs and practices in accordance with the school ethos of inclusivity.

Every child is welcome into the school having satisfied enrolment procedures, but the school cannot undertake to educate children of other faiths in their own faith.

Arrangements are made within each class to accommodate children who do not take part in the religious education programme in consultation with the class teacher or principal.

Currently, because of supervision issues, the children remain in the classroom while religious instruction takes place but are not asked to participate in the class and are encouraged to read, or do some other self-directed work. They are welcome to participate in the class if they wish. Please arrange a meeting with the school principal to discuss how best to meet your request with regard to your child.

18. Reviews/Appeals

Review of decisions by the Board of Management

The parent of the student may request the board to review a decision to refuse admission. Such requests must be made in accordance with Section 29C of the Education Act 1998.

The timeline within which such a review must be requested and the other requirements applicable to such reviews are set out in the procedures determined by the Minister under section 29B of the Education Act 1998 which are published on the website of the Department of Education and Skills.

The board will conduct such reviews in accordance with the requirements of the procedures determined under Section 29B and with section 29C of the Education Act 1998.

Note: Where an applicant has been refused admission due to the school being oversubscribed, the applicant **must request a review** of that decision by the board of management **within two weeks** prior to making an appeal under section 29 of the Education Act 1998.

Where an applicant has been refused admission due to a reason other than the school being oversubscribed, the applicant **may request a review** of that decision by the board of management **within two weeks** prior to making an appeal under section 29 of the Education Act 1998.

Right of appeal

Under Section 29 of the Education Act 1998, the parent of the student, may appeal a decision of this school to refuse admission within two weeks.

An appeal may be made under Section 29 (1)(c)(i) of the Education Act 1998 where the refusal to admit was due to the school being oversubscribed within two weeks.

An appeal may be made under Section 29 (1)(c)(ii) of the Education Act 1998 where the refusal to admit was due a reason other than the school being oversubscribed within two weeks.

Where an applicant has been refused admission due to the school being oversubscribed, the applicant **must request a review** of that decision by the board of management **prior to making an appeal** under section 29 of the Education Act 1998. (See Review of Decisions by the Board of Management)

Where an applicant has been refused admission due to a reason other than the school being oversubscribed, the applicant **may request a review** of that decision by the board of management within two weeks prior to making an appeal under section 29 of the Education Act 1998. (See Review of Decisions by the Board of Management)

Appeals under Section 29 of the Education Act 1998 will be considered and determined by an independent appeals committee appointed by the Minister for Education and Skills.

The timeline within which such an appeal must be made and the other requirements applicable to such appeals are set out in the procedures determined by the Minister under section 29B of the Education Act 1998 which are published on the website of the Department of Education and Skills.

Appendix A

Tugann Gaelscoil Chluain Meala aitheantais inár bpolasaí do pháistí a bhfuil leibhéal líofachta sa Ghaeilge acu agus gur dhócha go rachadh an líofacht sin ar gcúl mura ligfí isteach i scoil lán-Ghaeilge iad. Tugann an critéar deis do na teaghlaigh seo áit a bhaint amach dá bpáistí i scoil lán-Ghaeilge.

I gcás ró-éilimh nuair a úsáidtear an critéar seo chun áit scoile a ofráil, ní mór don Bhord a bheith in ann a chruthú go ndearnadh na hiarratais a mheas ar bhonn oibiachtíúil. Déanfaidh an leasphríomhoide agus ball amháin den fhoireann inbhainstíocht scoile measúnu ar na hiarratais don chritéir seo amháin.

Seo a leanas na táscairí a úsáidtear chun leibhéal líofachta a mheas:

An bhfuil an dalta:

- In ann a s(h)amhlaíocht féin a úsáid chun scéalta simplí a insint i nGaeilge?
- In ann éisteacht le scéal gairid atá oiriúnach dá (h)aois agus ceisteanna a fhreagairt faoi?
- In ann súgradh lena p(h)iaráí/tuismitheoir trí mheán na Gaeilge?

- In ann caint faoi na rudaí lasmuigh den naíonra/scoil is speis leis/léi (spórt, damhsa, clann, caithimh aimsire, cluichí ríomhaire srl.)?
- In ann caint faoi imeachtaí an lae/na seachtaine agus idirdhealú a dhéanamh idir na haimsirí (Cad a rinneamar, cad a dhéanaimid)?
- In ann comhréir cheart na Gaeilge a léiriú (an féidir liom fáil mo chóta, sin mise's, srl)?

Is faoin mBord is atá sé an leibhéal líofachta is inghlactha a leagan síos ach é a bheith doiciméadaithe agus seicliosta cruthaithe agus comhlánaithe do gach iarratasóir a bhaineann leas as an gcritéar seo.

2. Fianaise a sholáthar

Tá an fhreagracht ar an tuismitheoir (ní ar an scoil) fianaise leordhóthanach a sholáthar don scoil má éilítear ar fhoirm iontrála:

- gur ghnóthaigh an dalta leibhéal líofachta sa Ghaeilge agus
- gur dócha go rachadh líofacht an dalta sa Ghaeilge ar chúl mura ligfí isteach é/í i scoil lán-Ghaeilge

Caithfidh aon duine a bhaineann leas as an gcritéar seo fianaise a sholáthar ar a líofacht. Níl eisceacht air seo. Ní cheadmhach faoin Acht ach an fhianaise atá curtha faoi bhráid an Bhoird a chur san áireamh nuair atá cinneadh á dhéanamh ar áiteanna scoile a ofráil.

3. Cén sórt fianaise?

Seo roinnt moltaí ar an gcineál fianaise a d'fhéadfadh an tuismitheoir a sholáthar don scoil:

- Físeán den pháiste agus é/í ag úsáid Gaeilge go nádúrtha i suíomh an bhaile. Ba chóir go mbeadh éagsúlacht comhthéacsanna ann (féach thuas). Moltar físeán idir 10-15 nóiméad.
- Físeán den pháiste ag úsáid Gaeilge le teaghlaigh eile nó piaraí i suíomh lasmuigh den bhaile mar shampla imeacht, Ghlór na Gael, Sheachtain na Gaeilge srl.

Ní fianaise í litir ó naíonra, eagraíocht Ghaeilge srl. ar líofacht sa teanga.

Níl na moltaí seo uileghabhálach agus ní gá go mbeadh an fhianaise a sholáthraítear teoranta do cheann amháin de na moltaí thuas. Dá mhéid fianaise a sholáthraíonn an tuiste is éasca don bhord cinneadh a dhéanamh agus an cinneadh sin a chosaint i gcás achomhairc.

Má tá Riachtanais Speisialta ag an bpáiste, cuirfear ábaltacht an pháiste san áireamh sa chás sin.

Agus iarratais á meas ag an mBord Bainistíochta, ní cheadmhach ach an fhianaise atá curtha ag an tuiste faoina bhráid a chur san áireamh. Ní féidir le tuairimíocht, aithne ar an teaghlach srl. a bheith mar chuid den phróiseas cinnteoireachta.