

Our Gaelscoil Info for Parents



www.gaelscoilnami.ie

WHY SHOULD I CHOOSE GAELSCOIL NA MÍ?

Academic: Children in Gaelscoileanna achieve higher results in English & Maths in the National Standardised Tests'. In addition to being uent in Irish, it much easier for children to learn their 3rd/4th languages.



Cognitive: Bilingual children are better problem solvers and creative thinkers. They also have an increased understanding of maths concepts.

Communication: Children in Gaelscoileanna have better communication skills thanks to their early immersion in another language.



Cultural: Children in Gaelscoileanna gain a deeper appreciation of the value of dilereent cultures. Research shows this results in greater tolerance and less racism. Everyone is welcome.

Self-esteem: Children in Gaelscoileanna gain a deeper appreciation of their culture, leading to increased self-esteem, sense of identity and are happier attending school than children in other forms of education.



Employment: Ability to work in more than one language is a valued skill. Children in Gaelscoileanna have extra opportunities from their uency in Irish & other languages.

"In Gaelscoil na Mí we believe in putting the happiness of our students first. That means passionate teachers providing a holistic education, a school that's welcoming of everyone and providing extra opportunities for our students - and we do all this with Irish culture as the common denominator."

Clár Ní Mhaoláin, Príomhoide



Our School

Our school is a Gaelscoil which is a co-educational, Irish-medium, primary school. We have been providing diversity and choice to parents from day one with a team of dedicated teaching and non-teaching staff. We are hugely proud of all our pupils and parents, past and present, whose commitment has nurtured us to where we are today.

What is a gaelscoil?

A gaelscoil is a school where all communication and learning is through Irish. Students will leave the school being able to read, write and speak fluently in both English and Irish. The schools are fully State-funded. They follow the standard Department of Education curriculum and are subject to the same inspections as other State schools. Children leave at the end of 6th Class having benefitted from a full and varied curriculum with the added benefit of being bi-lingual.

Why choose this school?

Our pupils thrive in a positive, happy learning environment. They enjoy all the benefits of a diverse education and have many opportunities to explore digital learning from a very early age. Assessment scores in Irish, English and Maths are very impressive. Our immersion education model brings many extra benefits which you will not find in other school types. The immersion process is so successful that the youngest of our pupils, coming from English speaking families are speaking Irish effortlessly within their first year of enrolling.

FAQs

I don't speak Irish. How will I be able to help with homework?

96% of parents in our school have little or no Irish. The teachers understand this and homework is given with this in mind. Your child will be fluent in both Irish and English and will be able to ask you questions in either language. A new website, www.irishforparents.ie provides live help with homework from qualified teachers.

Who can attend?

Our school is inclusive and open to everyone regardless of faith, ethnic background, language of the home or special educational needs. This is reflected in our enrolment policy. We would love to use our experience and expertise to give your child an excellent education.



What extra-curricular activities are available?

As a school, we actively encourage our students to pursue their talents outside of school hours. We currently have many talented musicians, artists and sports players attending our school. We also accommodate a number of extra-curricular activities in the school and plan on growing the choices available going forward.

Is this school suitable for children with special needs?

Yes. We cater for students with Special Educational Needs in both our Special Classes (ASD) and mainstream classes. We provide the same supports available as other schools. All evidence shows that pupils with special needs do just as well in an Irish-medium setting as they do in the English-medium system. Total early immersion is recognised as the most successful model for children with special needs.

Who are An Foras Pátrúnachta?

An Foras Pátrúnachta is the patron of our school and is the largest patron of Irish-medium schools in Ireland. Gaelscoil na Mí is one of their 80 schools which educate 17,000 students. Irish-medium schools have been the fastest growing sector of education in recent years. An Foras Pátrúnachta has been at the heart of that growth, providing greater choice to parents. For more info. see:



www.foras.ie

Where can i find out more?

We would be delighted to answer your questions. If you would like to talk to us, you can do so by contacting the school office directly.



ENROL NOW