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# Why choose Gaelscoil na Mí?



# **Our School**

Our school is a co-educational, Irish-medium, primary school. Everyone is welcome to attend and benefit from all the extra advantages of immersion education. We follow the standard Department of Education curriculum and students leave 6th class with the added benefit of being bilingual. We are hugely proud of all our students and parents whose commitment has nurtured us to where we are today.

# What makes our school different?

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 school.

# I don't speak Irish. How will I 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.

#### 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 welcome your child into our school community as the individual they are.

#### What extra-curricular activities are available?

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 many 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 Autism Class 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.







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.

# Máirín Ní Chonaire, Príomhoide

Did you know Gaelscoil na Mí was the most represented school at the ESB science Blast? We believe that STEM education is very important and that students need to experience STEM both inside and outside the class – because if you can't see it, you can't be it!

#### **Múinteoir Ellen**

Michael is thriving in the Gaelscoil. I cannot believe how much Irish he has acquired since starting in the school. We don't speak Irish at home but homework hasn't been a problem at all. His teacher and the school are so helpful. We cannot recommend the school enough!

Liam, parent

# **Register Now**

Visit <u>www.gaelscoilnami.ie</u> to find out more and register your child through the link on our homepage.

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