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2026 - 2027

Eolas do Thuismitheoirí

Information for Parents



Is bunscoil ilchreidmheach í Gaelscoil Riabhach faoi Fhoras Pátrúnachta na Scoileanna Lán-Gaeilge

Gaelscoil Riabhach is a multi-faith primary school under the patronage body An Foras Pátrúnachta



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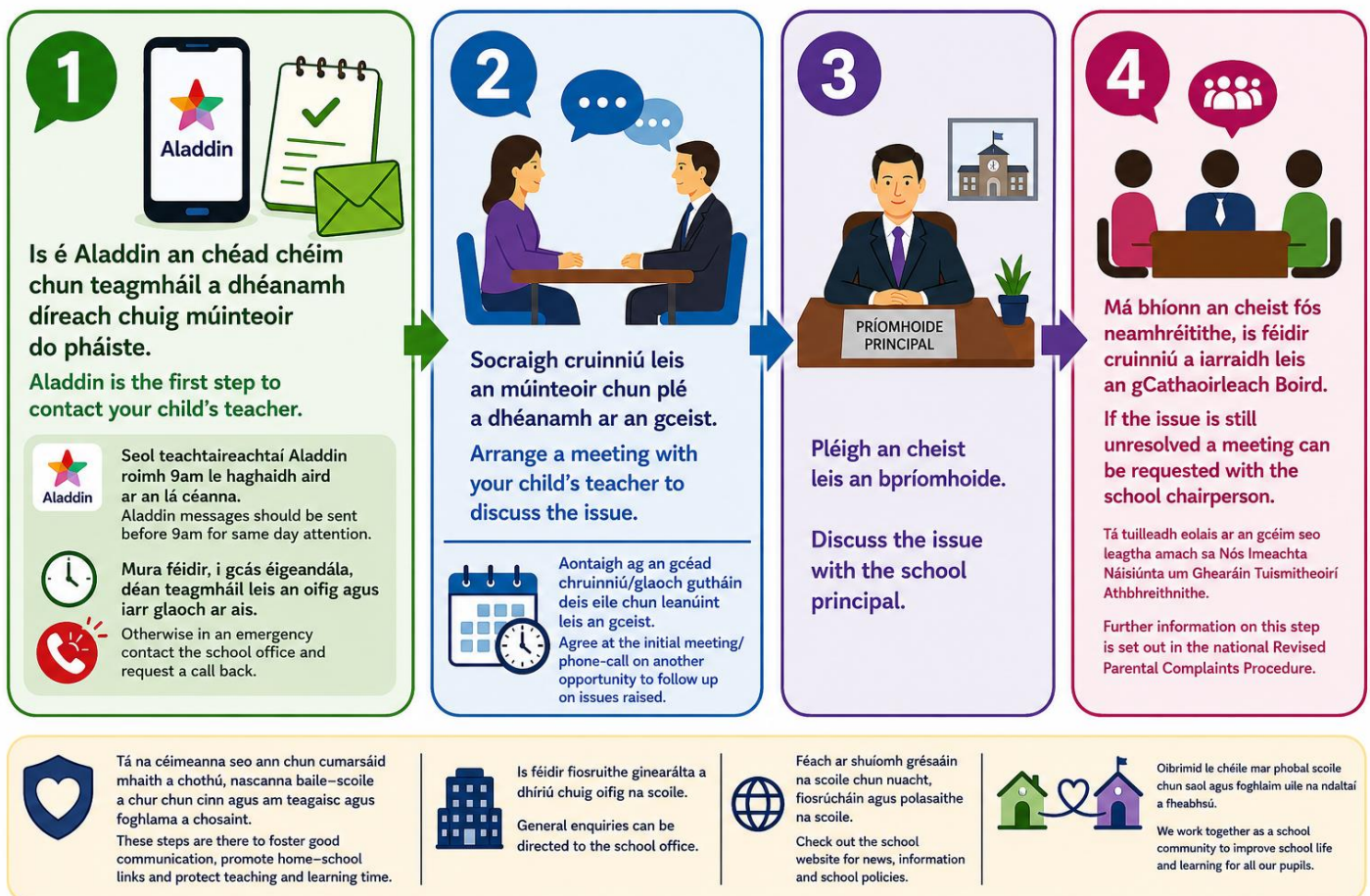
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Gaeilge sa Scoil/ The Irish language in the School

'Sí an Ghaeilge gnáth-theanga laethúil na scoile agus múintear gach ábhar, seachas an Béarla trí mheán na Gaeilge. Tumtar na páistí sa teanga agus foghlaimíonn siad an teanga go nádúrtha sna blianta tosaigh ar scoil. Iarrtar ar thuismitheoirí agus gach duine a thagann ag an scoil an Ghaeilge atá acu a úsáid sa scoil. Mar chuid d'ár gCód Scoile labhraíonn daltaí Gaeilge i gcónaí ar scoil, seachas i rith ceachtanna Béarla. Breathnaítear ar labhairt leanúnach an Bhéarla sna hardranganna m.sh. ar an gclós mar shárú ar Chód na Scoile.

The daily language of the school is the Irish language and all subjects, except English, are taught through the medium of Irish. The children are immersed in the language and learn the language naturally as they progress through their early years in school. Parents and all visitors to the school are asked to use the Irish they have in the school. As part of our School Code all children speak Irish while at school, except during English lessons. Continuous speaking of English in the Senior classes is considered a breach of our Code of Behaviour.

Cumarsáid Scoile/ School Communication





Foireann/ Staff

Príomhoide / Principal:	Pól Mag Lionáin
Múinteoir Ranga/Class Teacher: Naíonáin Bheaga/(Junior Inf.)	Síle Nic Spáidín
Múinteoir Ranga/Class Teacher: Naíonáin Mhóra (Senior Inf)	Fiona Nic Aonghusa/ Áine-Máire Ní Chonchubhair
Múinteoir Ranga/ Class Teacher: Rang 1	Ciara Ní Thoirealaigh
Rang Speisialta A/ Special Class A	Eilís Nic Dhonncha
Múinteoir Ranga/Class Teacher Rang 2	Joe Ó Conaire
Múinteoir Ranga/ Class Teacher: Rang 3	Isabelle Ní Ruadháin
Múinteoir Ranga/ Class Teacher: Rang 4 & Rang 5	Brian Ó Meacháin
Múinteoir Ranga/ Class Teacher: Rang 6	Alannah Ní Thoirealaigh
Rang Speisialta B/ Special Class B	Caitríona Ní Chofaigh
Múinteoirí Tacaíochta: Learning Support Team	Carol Ní Dhochartaigh/ Dairine MacCrosáin Conor Ó Fathaigh/ Deirdre Nic Gabhann
Cúntóir Riachtanais Speisialta /SNA:	Emma Rosbotham/ Matthew Ó Riain/ Christina Ní Dhomhnaill/ Jewel Ní Dhúinn/ Ellen Ní Mhúrchú/ Melanie Ní Dhonnchú/ Martina Nic Uaid
Rúnaí na Scoile / Secretary:	Helen Bullock

Tá an t-eolas ceart ar an 30/06/26. Déanfar uasdátuithe le linn Mí Iúil agus cuirfear tuismitheoirí ar an eolas chomh luath agus gur féidir. The information above is correct as of 22/06/26. The class teachers will be updated during July and parents will be informed as soon as possible.

Tá Cumann Muinteoirí Éirinn ag spreagadh scoileanna ar fud na hÉireann Bratach Bród a chrochadh mar léiriú ar thiomantas scoile don uilechuimsitheacht LADT+ Crochtar an brat ar feadh seachtaine le linn Mhí an Mheithimh The Irish National Teacher Organisation (INTO) encourages schools across Ireland to fly a Pride Flag to show the school's commitment to LGBT+ inclusivity. The flag is flown for a week during June



Croí na Scoile/ Core Curriculum

Mar chuid d'ár sainspioraid ilchreidmheach múintear 'Croí na Scoile' mar ábhar i rith am scoile. Is Curaclam Eitice agus Staidéar Reiligiún é Croí na Scoile.



Croí na Scoile: Seo a leanas na codanna de Chroí na Scoile: Creidimh an Domhain, Eitic, Laethanta Speisialta, Cearta Páistí agus Oideachais Sóisialta, Pearsanta agus Sláinte. Deirtear Dán na Scoile gach lá ar scoil mar chur i gcuimhne ar luachanna na scoile.

Téamaí 2026/27:

Meán Fómhair: Naoimh(Críostaíocht), Mé Féin; **Deireadh Fómhair:** Díbheálaí (Hiondúchas), Cairdeas agus éagsúlacht; **Mí na Samhna:** Cearta Páistí (Daonlathas), Sábháilteacht; **Mí na Nollag: Grianstad (Págántacht),** Dúlra; **Eanáir:** Shogatsu/ Bliain Úr Síneach (Seapánach/Síneach), Cineáltas; **Feabhra: Ramadan (Ioslam), Márta:** An Cháisc (Críostaíocht) Bí Slán, **Aibreán:** An Díospóireacht Mhór (Ceisteanna Eitice); **Bealtaine:** Seachtain Bhithéagsúlachta (Obair Comhshaoil) Dea-thionchar; **Meitheamh:** Cinnirí Creidimh agus Éadaí Speisialta (Comparáideach), Cinnireacht

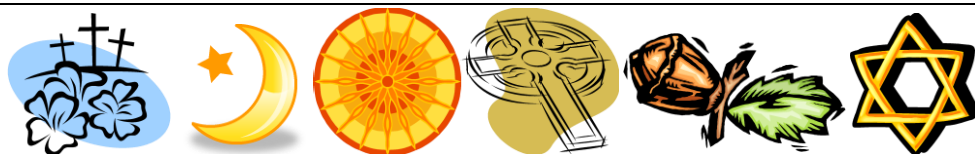
Croí na Scoile: Dhear na comhpháirtithe uile i mbunadh na scoile an curaclam agus tá luachanna an churaclaim le comhtháthú le chuile ghné de shaol na scoile. Tá clár ar Mhí-úsáid Substaint, Féinmhuinín, Sábháilteacht Pearsanta agus Oideachais Caidrimh agus Gnéasachta (OCG) san áireamh ann freisin. Cuireadh an clár OCG le chéile ag coiste de mhúinteoirí agus tuismitheoirí.

Cleachtas Aisríoch: Déanfar an cur chuige smachta agus aththógail caidrimh seo a fhorbairt níos mó i mbliana.

LEANS: Is clár é LEANS do dhaltaí idir 8 agus 11 bliana d'aois a chuidíonn le páistí néara-éagsúlacht a thuiscint agus a chothaíonn cuimsiú, comhbhá agus meas ar dhifríochtaí.

Amhrán na Scoile: Cantar an t-amhrán seo gach lá mar chur i gcuimhne ar luachanna na scoile.

Is scoil ilchreidmheach í Gaelscoil Riabhach.
Le spórt is le foghlaim bíonn na páistí gníomhach. 'Sí an
Ghaeilge ár dteanga agus labhraímis í, Istigh sna seomraí
's amuigh ag spraoi.
Is áit í seo atá slán sábháilte.
Roimh 'chuile dhuine cuireann muid fáilte. Do gach
cultúr taispeánann muid meas.
Le gach aon duine bíonn muid deas.



As part of our multi-faith ethos **Croí na Scoile (Our Core Curriculum)** is taught during the school day. **Croí na Scoile** is an Ethics and Religious Studies Curriculum



Croí na Scoile: The Core Curriculum consists of the following areas: World Faiths, Ethics, Special Days, Children's rights and Social, Personal and Health education. **Amhrán na Scoile** (the school song) is recited every day as a reminder of our school values.

2026/27 Themes:

September: Saints (Christianity), Myself; **October:** Diwali (Hinduism), Friendship and diversity; **November:** Children's Rights (Democracy), Safety; **December:** Solstice (Paganism), Nature; **January:** Shogatsu/Chinese New Year (Japanese/Chinese), Kindness; **February:** Ramadan (Islam), **March:** Easter (Christianity) Stay Safe, **April:** The Great Debate (Ethical Issues); **May:** Biodiversity Week (Environmental Work) Good Influence; **June:** Religious Leaders and Special Clothing (Comparative), Leadership

Croí na Scoile: The Core Curriculum was designed by all the school partners and its values are carried through all experiences in school life. It also includes programmes on substance abuse, confidence, Stay-safe and RSE (Relationships and Sexuality Education). The RSE programme was drawn up by a committee of staff and parents.

Restorative Practice: this approach to discipline and restoring relationships will be further developed this year in school.

LEANS is a programme for pupils aged 8–11 that helps children understand neurodiversity and promotes inclusion, empathy, and respect for differences.

Amhrán na Scoile: The school song is sung by the children each day as a reminder of our school's values.

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(Gaelscoil Riabhach is a multi-faith school, With fun and games we love being active, Irish is our language and we speak it, in the classrooms and at play. This is a place that is safe and healthy, To everyone we extend welcome, To all cultures we show respect, To all people we extend a hand.)





Amanna Scoile/ School Times

Osclaíonn an scoil ag 8:40r.n agus críochnaíonn sé ag 1:30i.n do Naíonáin agus 2:30i.n do Rang 1-6. Iarrtar ar thuismitheoirí a chinntiú go mbíonn páistí ar scoil ag 8.50am ar a dhéanaí ionas go bhfuil siad réidh don fhoghlaím ag 9am.

School opens at 8:40am and finishes at 1:30pm for Naíonáin and 2:30pm for Rang 1- 6. Parents are asked to ensure that children are dropped to school at 8.50am at the latest so that they are ready to learn at 9am.

Ní chóir go mbeadh páistí ar scoil roimh 8:40r.n agus ní mór dóibh bheith bailithe ag an am cheart. Ní chlúdaíonn árachais na scoile páistí ar scoil taobh amuigh de na hamanna sin.

Children should not be at school any earlier than 8:40am and should be collected at the correct time. School insurance does not cover children outside these times.

Please contact the Naíonra at 087 2357953 to enquire about their morning and after school rates.

Téann na Naíonáin Bheaga abhaile luath go dtí an 4ú Meán Fómhair.

The Junior Infant class finishes at 12pm until the 4th September

Laethanta Saoire / School Holidays 2026-2027

Osclaíonn an scoil ar an Déardaoin 27^ú Lúnasa 2025/ School commences on Thursday 27th August 2026.

Leath lá ar an 27^ú Lúnasa / School closes for half day (12pm) on 27th August for the whole school.

Laethanta Saoire/School closures

(Is féidir dúnta scoile ar fad a fheiceáil ar an aip Aladdin/ All school closures can be seen on the Aladdin app)

26^ú Deireadh Fómhair - 30^ú Deireadh Fómhair 2026 26th October – 30th October 2026

23^ú Nollaig 2026 - 5^ú Eanáir 2027 23rd December 2026 – 5th January 2027

1^ú Feabhra 2027 1st February 2027

18^ú + 19^ú Feabhra 2027 18th + 19th February 2027

17^ú Márta 2027 17th March 2027

22^ú Márta - 2^ú Aibreán 2027 22nd March – 2nd April 2027

3 – 7^ú Bealtaine 2027 3rd – 7th May 2027

7^ú Meitheamh 2027 7th June 2027

Dúnadh/ End of Year

25^ú Meitheamh 2027 / 25th June 2027

Ar laethanta a bhfuil cruinnithe oidí tuistí ar siúl téann na páistí ó Rang 1-6 abhaile ag 2:10i.n
Children from Rang 1-6 go home at 2:10p.m on days when there are parent-teacher meetings.

Cód na Scoile/ School Code

Tá Cód na Scoile agus Polasaí Frithbhulaíochta na Scoile an-thábhachtach chun éiteas na scoile a chosaint. Tugtar cóipeanna amach ag CCB na Scoile agus pléitear iad, i gcomhpháirt leis an gConradh Baile-Scoile

Seo a leanas roinnt phointí ach ní mór an cáipéis ar fad a léamh:

1. Labhraíonn daltaí an Ghaeilge atá acu ar scoil, ach amháin ag am Béarla.
2. Ní mór do pháistí a bheith ar scoil ag a 8.50r.n...nóta má bhíonn siad déanach.
3. Ní mór do pháiste a bheith ar scoil gach lá...nóta má bhíonn siad as láthair.
4. Ar scoil taispeántar meas dá chéile, do fhearaí na scoile agus fearaí a chéile.
5. Ní ghlactar le aon drochteanga sa scoil.
6. Ní mór cead a fháil ón múinteoir chun aon bhréagán nó fearaí leictreonach a thabhairt ar scoil.
7. Tugtar obair bhaile ó Luan go Déardaoin...ní mór é a bheith sínithe ag tuismitheoirí.
8. Caithear éadaí scoile gach lá...múna bhfuil sé agat ní mór duit nóta a scríobh faoi.
9. Ithtear bia sláintiúil ar scoil...torthaí don sos...deoch sláintiúil (uisce/bainne i mbuidéal in-athúsáidte). Ní cheadaítear bia saillte/cnónna nó Nutella.
10. Déanann muid gach iarracht gan éinne eile nó muid féin a ghortú ar scoil.
11. Má fheiceann éinne iompar nó eile atá in aghaidh Cód na Scoile, m.sh. glaoch ainmneacha nó gortú ba chóir dóibh é a thuairisciú le duine fásta.
12. Má bhíonn éinne ag piocadh ort nó i mbun ní ar bith nach bhfuil tú sásta faoi tá trí chéim ann: abair STOP/ IMIGH/ ABAIR le duine fásta.
13. Ní dháiltear cuiridh nó cártaí i rith am scoile ar chor ar bith múna bhfuil ceann do gach éinne sa seomra ranga.

The **School Code and Anti-Bullying Policies** are very important to ensure the ethos of the school is being upheld. The following are some points from the Code but parents are asked to read the full document:

1. Students must speak the Irish they have in school, except at English time.
2. **Children should be in school by 8.50am...please give note if they are late.**
3. **Children should be in school each day...please give a note if they are absent.**
4. In school we show respect for each other, for school property and for each other's possessions.
5. Bad language is not acceptable in school.
6. Toys or electrical devices are not allowed in school without the permission of the class teacher.
7. Homework is given from Monday to Thursday...it (or the homework diary) should be signed by parents.
8. School uniform to be worn each day and if not, a note should be given to explain.
9. Healthy food only is allowed in school...fruit for break...healthy drinks etc (water/milk) in reusable containers ONLY...junk food and NUTS (including Nutella) are not allowed.
10. We don't hurt others in school and we don't do anything that might hurt ourselves.
11. If anyone sees behaviour which is against the school Cód, eg. Name calling, hurting etc. they should report it to an adult.
12. If someone is picking on you/doing anything that you don't feel good about we have three steps: Say STOP/ IMIGH (get away)/ ABAIR (tell a grown up).
13. Invitations/cards are not given out during school time if there isn't one for every child in the classroom

Ag Obair le Chéile, ag Foghlaim le Chéile

Working Together, Learning Together

CURACLAM



Úsáid
Leabharlainne

Library Use



Oideachas
ealaíon

Arts Education



Ceol, cór agus
bosca ceoil

Music, choir and
button accordion



Litríú agus
Spelling

(Mar a Déarfá / WTW)
Literacy and Spelling
(Mar a Déarfá / WTW)



Blag mar
taispeántas scoile

Blog as a showcase
of our school

SAINSPIORAD



Feabhas ar an nGaeilge
labhartha
Improving Irish
speaking



Ilchreidmheachas
Multi-faith



Green-Schools



Iománaíocht,
camógaíocht, peil gaelach
Hurling, camogie,
Gaelic football

CÚRAM



Folláin agus lompar
Wellbeing and
Behaviour



Cleachtas Aisiríoch
Restorative Practice



Feasacht Néara-éagsúlachta
(LEANS)
Neurodiversity Awareness
(LEANS)



Bí Cineálta
Be Kind

BAINISTIÚ



Meantóireacht agus
Cumarsáid foirne
Staff Mentoring and
Communication



Cumarsáid Baile-Scoile
Home-School Communication

INCLUSION / CUIMSIÚ



Cuimsiú gach uile dhuine
Inclusion for all



Le chéile, cruthaímid pobal atá sábháilte, cairdiúil agus rathúil.
Together, we create a safe, friendly and successful community.



Rannpháirtíocht Tuismitheoirí/ Parental Participation

Ar Scoil/ Help in school

Tús Maith: opening meeting for new parents only NUA!!

- a) **Sept 2nd:** Zoom Meeting for parents of new students...Naíonáin Bheaga especially
- b) **Sept. 30th:** **Cruinniú Bhliantúil na Scoile/** Annual School Meeting (all parents)

Attend meetings: *In November there will be a meeting with your child's teacher and follow-up meetings can be arranged if necessary.*

Visiting School: *During the school year fun days are held and parents are encouraged to come along.*

Gaeilge/ Irish language

Ranganna/ Irish language classes are available through the local Irish office- Gaeilge Locha Riach. Please send an email to naoise@gaeilgelochariach.ie Parents are encouraged to participate in classes. Parents are asked to use what Irish they have in the school e.g. When greeting: 'Dia duit'; when leaving children to school: 'Bíodh lá deas agat'watch newsletter for more phrases.

Nótaí/Notes: Irish should be used when writing cards, invites, notes etc amongst Gaelscoil Riabhach students and staff. The school blog has a list of phrases which parents can use when writing notes to class teachers. Parents are encouraged to use these little phrases as it can have a great positive effect on children's attitude to the language and to writing in general. The homework 'dialann' (diary) can be used where possible to send notes or via the Aladdin app

Please see Nótaí on the Gaelscoil Riabhach website for terms 'i nGaeilge'.

Leigheas/ Medical Issues:

Any students who have any form of chronic illness (asthma, anaphylaxis, epilepsy) or are taking medication on a continuous basis should complete a medical care form **annually** and return it to the office. Forms available from the office.

Coiste na dTuistí/ Parents Council

Coiste na dTuistí has gone from strength to strength each year and new members will be elected to the coiste this year from the Naíonáin Bheaga class. This will be discussed at the September meeting in the first term. Many thanks to the committee for their hard work – everything from fundraising, school policies to Fête Scoile. The committee holds regular meetings on a broad range of issues. Keep an eye on the noticeboard/ blog/ newsletter.

Sa mBaile/ Help at home

Each night your child will be assigned **obair baile/ homework**. Please make sure your child finishes this and that you sign it. Each child in Naíonáin should have a **Seesaw account** which is also used as a home-school link, to store examples of their work in school and allow them to reflect on their learning.

Mata:/ Maths at home – teaching maths e.g., time, days, weight at every opportunity at home – children from Rang 2 should have watches.

Leabharlann:

Parents in Rang 1 – 3 will be invited to partake in share-reading in the school library. A group of parents also help the organisation of the library. If you are interested contact the office.

Tiomsú Airgid/ Fundraising

Síntiús Deonach/ Voluntary Contribution – The school asks parents to contribute to school funds through this scheme. At present the Board recommends ten euro per fortnight or €180 for the year. Síntiús funds are used to make up the shortfall in the day-to-day running costs of the school. Parents can make a payment through the Aladdin app under the money section and select ‘Síntiús Deonach / Voluntary Contribution’.

Bord Bainistíochta/ Board of Management

Cathaoirleach

Chairperson: Sínead Ní Bhrádaigh

Baill Eile

Other members: Michelle Uí Ghreacháin, Pól Mag Lionáin, Eoghan Mac Cormaic, Verena Ní Coimín, Dairine McCrossan, Christina Casserly agus Raphi Short.

Tá an Bord Bainistíocht freagrach as bainistiú na scoile don Phatrún agus do phobal na scoile. The Board of Management is responsible for the management of the Gaelscoil for our Patron and the school community.

Éadaí Scoile / School Uniform

Éadaí Dúghorm le léine bán

Plain Navy Jumper /Cardigan with school crest (see below)

Plain White Shirt/ t-shirt/polo shirt

Plain Navy skirt/trousers/ tracksuit

Ní cheadaítear éadaí le suaitheantais spóirt srl mar chuid de na héadaí scoile. No clothes with logos e.g. Adidas/Nike etc. are acceptable as school uniforms

Má bhíonn briste gearrtha á chaitheamh ní mór dóibh a bheith dúghorm.

If children are wearing shorts they must also be navy.

Déanaigí cinnte go bhfuil ainmneacha na bpáistí ar na héadaí

Please ensure ALL jumpers/coats have your child's name on it.

NB. Suaitheantas scoile/ School Crest must be on Jumper/Cardigan

School crests available from school oifig for €5 each. Oifig reopens 25th August. Parents can also buy school crests via the Aladdin app. Under the money section select ‘Suaitheantas Scoile/School Crests’.

Obair Baile/ Homework

Aims:

1. That the children learn to organise themselves.
2. That the children learn to take responsibility for their work.
3. That the children form good work habits.
4. That the children develop work and study skills on a gradual basis aiming at independent work and study by senior classes.
5. That the children will consolidate what is learnt in class, practise skills and further their understanding of concepts.

Duration of Homework:

Junior Infants: 10/ 20 mins

Senior Infants: 20 mins.

First/ Second: 30 mins.

Third/ Fourth: 40 mins.

Fifth/ Sixth class: 50 mins/ 1 hour

The time taken to complete homework will be longer if your child moves about or is distracted by other things. If the work takes longer than the above times and the parent is satisfied that the child has applied himself/ herself a parent can write a note. This should not be a regular occurrence. The parent's role should be supervision and checking. If your child doesn't understand something, please talk to your child's teacher.

Brat Glas/ Green Schools Flag



Bronnadh Brat Glas ar Gaelscoil Riabhach de bharr ár n-oibre ar bhitheagsúlacht sa scoilbhliain 2024/2025. Beidh an Coiste Glas ag díriú ar bhealaigh glasa taistil a chur chun cinn i 2026/2027. Gaelscoil Riabhach was awarded the Biodiversity Green Flag for our work in 2024/2025. In the coming school year The Coiste Glas will be working on promoting greener and healthier ways to travel to school in 2026/27.



Iompar Scoile/School Transport

Cuirtear iompar scoile a fáil ó cheantair éagsúla go Gaelscoil Riabhach: Cill Chríost, Coill Bhreac agus Creachmhaoil. Is féidir leat an foirm a líonadh isteach ar líne agus tuilleadh eolais a fháil ag www.buseireann.ie. Moltar do thuismitheoir an t-eolas a léamh.

Transport is provided from surrounding areas to the Gaelscoil: Ballinasloe, Kilchreest, Kylebrack and Craughwell. Applications for school transport are made online through www.buseireann.ie. An eligible child for whom no transport service is available may, following an application for transport within the prescribed time limits, receive a Remote Area Grant (RAG) towards the cost of private transport arrangements. The RAG is also payable for eligible children who may have to travel 3.2kms or more to or from a designated pick up/set down point. **Parents living in the town can apply for concessionary tickets to join these buses.**



Cosaint Leanaí/ Child Protection

- Glacann Gaelscoil Riabhach le na Treoir Náisiúnta um Chosaint agus Leas Leanaí (Tús Áite do Leanaí) agus na Treoirlínte agus Cur Chuige um Chaomhnú Páistí na Roinne Oideachais agus Scileanna agus cuirtear iad i bhfeidhm sa scoil.
- Úsáidtear acmhainní ar nós Bí Sábháilte chun scileanna na bpáistí a fhorbairt agus chun eolas a thabhairt dóibh faoi shábháilteacht pearsanta.
- Is é Pól Mag Lionáin an Duine Caidrimh Ainmnithe agus ní mór d'éinne a bhfuil buairt acu faoi leas pháistí í a chur ar an eolas.
- Is í Carol Ní Dhochtartaigh an Leas DCA.
- The Gaelscoil follows the National Child Protection Guidelines (Children First) and the Guidelines on Child Protection of the Department of Education and Skills and they are implemented in the school.
- Resources such as Stay Safe are used to develop children's skills and to give information in relation to personal safety.
- Pól Mag Lionáin is the Designated Liaison Person and anyone who has a concern regarding any child's welfare should inform him.
- Carol Ní Dhochtartaigh is the Deputy Designated Liason Person





Tinneas/ Illness

Má bhíonn tinneas tógalach m.sh. deilgneach nó míoltóga ghruaige iarrtar orthu teacht i dteagmháil le hoifig na scoile láithreach. Cuirtear gach tuismitheoir sa seomra sin ar an eolas láithreach. Ní mór scagadh a dhéanamh do mhíoltóga ghruaige go rialta agus pléigh leo mar is gá.

***Iarrtar ar tuismitheoirí go bhfuil cás ainsíleach sláinte, ailléirgí ar a bpáistí nó go bhfuil dáileadh leighis i rith am scoile de dhíth ar a bpáistí teacht i dteagmháil leis an oifig i Mheán Fómhair agus é seo a dhéanamh gach bliain le cinntiú go bhfuil cuntais agus modhanna na scoile thuas chun dáta.**

If any child has a contagious illness eg. chicken pox or headlice parents are asked to contact the school office immediately. All parents in that classroom will then be notified. The child with the headlice will not be identified to other parents/children. Please check for headlice regularly and treat as necessary.

***Any parents whose children have any chronic medical condition, allergies or require medication in school are asked to contact the school in September and to do so each September to ensure that school records and procedures are up to date.**

Scéim Leabhair/ Book Scheme

To allow the school purchase a broader range of textbooks and to reduce the cost of books on families the school has a Book Rental Scheme. Children receive their books in September and are expected to label them and take care of them. Writing and Sum Copies will be purchased this year by class teachers. **This scheme is funded by the Department of Education and Skills and there are no book bills to be paid. Other school expenses such as swimming lesson costs, insurance, school badges can be paid for from June 2026 on the Aladdin app.**

**Parents are asked to ensure children in Rang 1 – 6 have the following every day:
Colouring Pencils, Ruler, Erasers, Glue Stick, red, blue and black pens for the senior classes.**

Béilte Teo Scoile Saor in Aisce / Free Hot School Meals

Tá béilte teo saor in aisce ar fáil do gach dalta sa scoil, curtha ar fáil ag comhlacht áitiúil. Tá eolas iomlán ar fáil ag hotschoolmeals.ie. Seolfar sonraí logála isteach chuig tuismitheoirí i Mí Lúnasa.

A local company provides free hot school meals for all pupils. Full information is available at hotschoolmeals.ie. Login details will be sent to parents in August.

Cinntigh go bhfuil na rudaí thíos ag do pháiste gach lá / Please provide the following for your child each day:

- Sneaic shláintiúil don sos maidine / A healthy snack for morning break.
- Buidéal uisce nó deoch / A water bottle or drink.

Eolas Tuismitheoirí na Naionán Beag/Information for Parents' of Junior Infants

Sula dtosaíonn said/ Before they start:

Is féidir leis an gcéad lá ar scoil a bheith dian ar na bpáistí agus ar na tuismitheoirí! Má thagann siad isteach sa seomra ina n-aonar cuireann sé lena neamhspleáchas agus cabhraíonn sé leo socrú ar scoil. B'fhéidir go gcabhróidh na pointí seo a leanas le do pháiste teacht isteach ar ghnás na scoile níos tapúla:

Cabhróidh sé go mór más féidir leo:

- Cóta agus mála a aithint, oscailte agus dhúnadh gan stró agus iad a chuir san áit cuí.
- Leithreas a úsáid leo féin, agus cead a lorg chun dul go dtí an leithreas. Lámha a nigh agus a thriomú tar éis dul go dtí ag an leithreas.
- Bréagáin agus cluichí a roinnt le páistí eile agus a bheith in ann fanacht lena s(h)éans féin a thógáil.
- Glanadh suas ina d(h)iaidh agus bheith in ann bréagáin srl. a chuir ar ais san áit ceart.
- Ciarsúir a úsáid nuair is gá chun a sróin a ghlanadh nó chun lámha a thriomú

A child's first day at school can be tough for both the child and the parents! Entering class independently helps them gain independence and settle in school. The following points may help your child to adapt to the school routine more easily:

It would help greatly if they were able to:

- *Recognise their coat and bag, open and close coats and bags by themselves and put them in the right places.*
- *Use the toilet without help and know how to ask for permission to use the toilet.*
- *Wash their hands and dry them after using and flushing the toilet.*
- *Share toys and playthings with others and 'take turns'.*
- *Tidy up and put away playthings.*
- *Use a tissue when necessary to clean their nose, dry their hands etc.*



Ag ullmhú don lá mór/Preparing for the big day:

Ní dhéanann páiste dearmad ar an gcéad lá ar scoil. Is féidir libh cabhrú chun é a dhéanamh an-sona dóibh.

- Labhair leo faoin scoil roimhré go neamhfhoirmiúil, ag déanamh tagairt dó mar áit sona ina mbíonn fáilte mhór rompu ann, agus mbuailfidh said le cairde nua ann.
- Ná úsáid scoil nó múinteoirí mar bhagairt mar go minic cuireann sé seo imní ar pháistí.
- Muna féidir le do pháiste a chuid iallacha a cheangail, tá bróga Velcro ar fáil.
- Déan cinnte de go bhfuil ainm do pháiste (i nGaeilge) ar a gcótaí, a ngeansaithe srl.

The child's first day is a day to remember for the rest of their lives. You can help make it a really happy one for them.

- *Tell them about school beforehand, casually, and talk about it as a happy place where there will be a big welcome for them and that they will meet new friends.*
- *Don't use school or the teacher as a threat. Though said light-heartedly, it can make some children very apprehensive.*
- *If your child cannot tie their shoelaces, then Velcro fasteners are a better option.*
- *Please ensure that your child's name (in Irish) is on their coat and their jumper.*



An Lá Mór/The Big Day:

- Tá cead ag tuismitheoir a pháiste a thionlacan chun an seomra ranga **ar an gcéad lá. Iarrfar ar thuismitheoirí a pháistí a shiúl go dtí doras an tseomra idir 9am agus 9.15am. Ón lá sin ar aghaidh tiocfaidh na páistí isteach ina n-aonair ón bpríomhdhoras idir 8.40 agus 8.50am gan tuismitheoirí leo agus tabharfaidh múinteoirí cabhair agus treoir dóibh más gá.**
- Nuair a bhíonn sneaic do pháiste á réiteach agat, smaoinigh an mbeidh do pháiste ábalta boscaí lóin nó soithí a oscailt agus dhúnadh go héasca. Tabharfaidh na páistí aon bhrúscair lóin abhaile leo sa bhosca lóin. Tá polasaí lóin folláin i bhfeidhm sa scoil
- *Parents of Junior Infants (Naíonáin Bheaga) are welcome to drop their children to the classroom **on the first day. Parents are asked to walk their child as far as the classroom door between 9am and 9.15am. From this day forward, the children will come through the main door on their own between 8.40 and 8.50am and will be guided to the classroom by teachers – this fosters independence.***
- *When preparing your child's snacks, please consider if the child will be able to open and close food and drink containers easily. The children will bring their own lunch rubbish home with them in the lunch box. We have a healthy lunch policy in the school*



Ag dul abhaile/Going home:

- Bí cinnte do pháiste a bhailiú in am.
- Má tá athrú sa ghnáthamh bailiúcháin, bí cinnte do pháiste agus an múinteoir a chur ar an eolas ar maidin tríd oifig na scoile.

- Tá córas nótaí ar Aladdin más gá do pháiste a bhailiú luath nó sa chás go mbeidh siad déanach.
- *Be sure to collect your child on time.*
- *If at any time the collection routine has to change, ensure you tell the child and the teacher (in the morning via the school office).*
- *There is a note system on Aladdin if your child is going to be late or needs to be collected early.*

Gníomhaíochtaí úsáideacha chun do pháistí a ullmhú don scoil /
Useful activities to help prepare your child for school:

1. Suigh agus léigh leo go rialto/ Sit and read with them often
2. Dathú / Colouring
3. Márla / Taos súgartha – Marla / Playdough
4. Gearradh agus greamú / Cutting out and sticking
5. Péinteáil /Painting



Má bhíonn páiste ag caoineadh/Handling an upset child:

Uaireanta, in ainneoin gach iarracht ó thaobh na dtuistmitheoirí agus na múinteora, is féidir le cúpla páiste a bheith trí na chéile. Má tharlaíonn sé do do pháiste, ná buailfeadh driopás tú! Is féidir teacht timpell orthu le ham, foighne agus buanseasmhacht.

In spite of the best efforts of teachers and parents, a small number of children will still become upset. If your child happens to be one of them, do not panic. In our experience, patience and perseverance works wonders.

N.B Comhairle / N.B A Word of Advice:

- Bíodh muinín agat sa mhúinteoir. Tá sé/sí seiftiúil agus tá taithí aige/aici le bheith ag déileáil le gach sort fadhb sa rang.
- Tar éis iarracht a dhéanamh do pháiste a chuir ar a suaimhneas, fág doras an tseomra go tapaigh.
- Is féidir glaoch a chur tar éis tamaill chun cinntiú go bhfuil rudaí socraithe síos. De ghnáth, bíonn rudaí ciúinithe go maith!
- Bí díongbháilte ó thus. Fiú má bhíonn páiste trína chéile, cuir faoi deara dó/dí go gcaithfidh siad fanacht ar feadh tamaillín
- *Trust the teacher. He/She is experienced and resourceful and is used to coping with all kinds of starting-off-problems.*
- *When you have reassured them, leave as fast as possible.*
- *You can check back discreetly in a short while with a telephone call to the office. You will invariably find that calm has been restored.*
- *You must be firm from the start. Even if the child is upset, you should insist that they stay for a short time.*

Ullamh don scoil? / Prepared for school?

The following is a checklist for the first day.....and some for every day! The Irish terms which are highlighted should be used over the summer as you are preparing for school to show your positive attitude to the language.

Ainm an Pháiste: All books and clothes, including coats should be clearly marked with your child's name **i nGaeilge** (use permanent pen so it won't wash off)...if you are not sure of your child's full name i nGaeilge please ring / email the office on 091 847865 / oifig@gaelscoilriabhah.ie

- ☐ Lunch box and reusable water bottle (**Bosca Lóin agus Buidéal Uisce in-athúsáidte**) with healthy food (Can my child open them unaided? Is the child able to eat the fruit unassisted? If not maybe cut up the orange for your child. Frubes are messy in Naíonáin so best avoided. Is the food healthy?)
- ☐ Correct uniform (**Éadaí Scoile**) with crest (available to purchase via Aladdinapp or the school office) clearly labelled with your child's name.
- ☐ Two plastic zipped A4 fastener folders (**Fillteán**). Please ensure your child's school bag (**Mála Scoile**) is big enough and can easily fit their lunchbox, water bottle (reusable) and folders.
- ☐ Change of clothes for junior infants (first day) to be kept in school with the teacher. Put the change of clothes in a plastic bag, clearly labelled with your child's name. (accidents do happen!)
- ☐ Check the school bag (**Mála Scoile**) regularly, is it tidy with homework in and toys out? (Toys should be kept at home, they are distracting and can get lost).

Coiste na dTuistmitheoirí Chaitliceacha

A committee of Roman Catholic parents run after-school Roman Catholic classes in the school to prepare children to receive sacraments in the Loughrea Parish. Interested parents are asked to contact the committee members via the school office.