



Polasaí Gaeilge

The Irish Language Policy implements the ethos and vision of our school for everyone who comes into contact with the school, the entire school community as well as visitors to the school.

An Ghaeilge

The Irish language is the foundation upon which the school was founded and therefore, is the school's language of communication on all occasions when the school community gathers together. *Riail na Gaeilge* is outlined as part of the school's Code of Conduct and that rule is applied, if necessary, in addition to this policy which applies to everyone.

Irish as a medium of instruction:

- Irish is the medium through which all subjects are taught apart from English and modern languages (if the target language is spoken - if not, Irish is used)
- Regarding textbooks, Irish books are used in the school as long as they are available and are of satisfactory quality. If they are not available an attempt is made to resolve the issue and to provide notes.
- Books, notes, or other teaching materials in English are not used in the event that the equivalent is available in Irish.
- All students take all exams (including state exams) through the medium of Irish, (exceptions: English and those parts of the modern language papers that need to be answered in the modern languages)

Speaking Irish

- Everyone in the school community will speak Irish inside the school and at school events outside the school.
- Every effort is made to recruit team members who speak Irish.

- In the event that a member of staff does not speak Irish, he/she will be asked to speak as much Irish as he/she can around the school. In addition to this they will be informed about Irish language courses that are available.
- Visitors to the school are expected to speak Irish as long as they can. If it is necessary to speak English, it should be spoken as little as possible or English should not be given priority in the school environment and at school events.
- Visitors to the school are informed about this policy and are encouraged to speak Irish while they are among the school community.

Correspondence, Advertisements/Print Materials

Notices are put up in Irish only or bilingually except in the rooms where English or modern languages are taught. All correspondence from the school is in Irish only or bilingually. (This also includes text messages). Priority is given to the Irish page on the website and it is always updated first.

Language Awareness

The Irish language is constantly being promoted in as many ways as possible. Ways this is done include:

- Speeches from the Principal/other teachers to different year groups/classes.
- Regular talks about Irish at the assembly .
- Invite guest speakers to come to the school to discuss the Irish language issue.
- Hold a competition in speaking Irish.
- To provide information about the media's contribution to the promotion of the Irish language
- Provide information on internet sites that focus on the Irish language.
- Make regular contact with organizations such as 'Gaeloideachas Teo.' And COGG
- Information on the Official Languages Act (2003)
- Giving information about Coimisinéir Teanga and language rights
- Disseminating information about careers in Irish.
- Regular contact with local organizations – eg. Muintir Chrónáin.

- Make regular contact with other Gaelcholáisti - BOOACDL ones in particular.

Titles/Names

- The Irish version of the titles of various rooms and venues is used throughout the school and all signage is in Irish only, unless the signage is aimed at visitors and in this case it is bilingual.
- The Irish version of the names of the school community is always used if there is an Irish version.

Meetings

- All meetings in the school will be held in Irish only or bilingually
- Staff meetings and Board of Management meetings will be held
- Every effort is made to hold meetings of Cairde Chilliain in Irish and where this is not possible bilingual meetings are held.
- General meetings for parents are held bilingually.

Riail na Gaeilge

Ciallaíonn briseadh Riail na Gaeilge: abairt iomlán i mBéarla a labhairt sa scoil nó ar aon ócáid scoile. *A full sentence in English spoken in the school or on any school activity is a breach of Riail na Gaeilge*

Má tharlaíonn sé go mbristear an Riail, is mar seo a chuirfear polasaí an choláiste i bhfeidhm: *Should the policy be breached the following policy will be put in place.*

- i. Dalta a bhriseann Riail na Gaeilge, cuirtear chuig an Príomhoide/Príomhoide Tánaisteach é/í. Glaofar ar na tuismitheoirí/caomhnóirí. Cuirfear nóta ar VSware agus litir abhaile. Cuirtear iachall ar an dalta teacht isteach ag a 8r.n. chun obair phíonóis a dhéanamh. *Should a student breach the rule, he/she will be sent to the Principal or Deputy Principal. Parents/guardians will be contacted. A note will put on VSware and a letter sent home. The student will be asked to attend at 8.00am, the Principal/Deputy Principal will assign written work as a sanction.**
- ii. Má bhristear an Riail don dara huair sa scoilbhliain céanna, cuirtear an dalta ar fionraí inmheánach an lá dar gcionn. Rachaidh an scoil i dteagmháil le tuismitheoirí/caomhnóirí. *Should the rule be breached for the second time, the student will be placed on internal suspension the following day. The school authorities will contact the parents/guardians.**
- iii. Má bhristear an Riail don tríú huair sa scoilbhliain céanna, cuirtear an dalta ar fionraí baile lae agus buailfidh an tuismitheoir/caomhnóir agus an dalta leis an bPríomhoide/Príomhoide Tánaisteach. *Should a third breach occur, the student will be placed on suspension at home and the parents will meet with the Principal/Deputy Principal.**
- iv. Má bhristear an Riail don cheathrú huair sa scoilbhliain céanna, cuirtear an dalta ar fionraí baile lae agus buailfidh an tuismitheoir/caomhnóir agus an dalta le hionadaí den Bhord Bainistíochta. *If the rule is breached for a fourth time the student will be on suspension at home and the parents/guardians with the student will meet a representative of the Board of Management.**
- v. Má bhristear an riail ina dhiaidh sin sa scoilbhliain céanna, buailfidh an tuismitheoir/caomhnóir agus an dalta leis an mBord Bainistíochta agus pléifear todhchaí an dalta sa scoil. *Subsequently if there is another breach of this rule the parents/guardians, with the student will meet the Board of Management and discuss the student's future in Coláiste Chilllain.**

NB: Cuirfear litir abhaile agus nóta ar VSware ag gach céim sa phróiseas.

Correspondence will be sent home and a note on VSware for every step in the process.

Síniú an tuismitheora/caomhnóra: _____

Síniú an dalta: _____ **Dáta:** _____