



**POLASÁÍ IONTRÁLA**  
**Admissions Policy**  
**2021 - 2022**

**Gaelscoil Lir, Teach Sagard, Co. Átha Cliath**

**Uimhir rolla: 20531T 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 16/08/2021. 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 Gaelscoil Lir 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 phróisis iontrála don scoilbhliain lena mbaineann. Ní mór an polasaí seo a léamh i gcomhar leis an bhfógra maidir le hIontráil Bhliantúil na scoile don scoilbhliain lena mbaineann.

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 sainiúil agus cuspóirí ginearálta na scoile

Is bunscoil lán-Ghaeilge de chuid An Foras Pátrúnachta í Gaelscoil Lir. Is scoil chomhoideachasúil í a bhí bunaithe i 2021 agus tá éiteas ilchreidmheach aici. Is príomhchuspóir na scoile í an Ghaeilge a chothú. Cuirimid fáilte roimh pháistí beag beann ar a gcúlra, creidimh nó riachtanais speisialta.

Seo sainspiorad na scoile:

Cuireann Gaelscoil Lir gaeloideachas páiste-lárnach den scoth ar fáil do gach páiste scoile. Cuirtear béim sa scoil ar thimpeallacht shona, shábháilte, spreagúil a chruthú ionas gur féidir le páistí forbairt ar bhonn iomlánaíoch. Cuirtear béim ar tógáil na gnéithe fisiceacha, shóisialta, mothúchánach, cognaíochta chomh maith le forbairt acadúil an pháiste. Tá béim faoi leith ar mheas a léiriú inár scoil; meas orainn féin, meas ar dhaoine eile agus meas ar an timpeallacht.

Is é ár ndúnghaois i nGaelscoil Lir ná sár-oideachas lán-Ghaelach, ilchreidmheach a chur ar fáil do dhaltaí na scoile mar bhunscoil chomhoideachais.

Déanfaimid é seo trí:

- Chothrom na Féinne a thabhairt do Phobal na Scoile ar bhealach cairdiúil, cothrom, réasúnta
- Bhéim a chur ar fhorbairt na ndaltaí - idir intleachtúil, mhothálach, fhisiciúil, spioradálta, aeistéitiúil agus shóisialta mar shaoránaigh d'Éirinn, den Eoraip agus den domhan
- Mheas orainn féin agus ar dhaoine eile agus ar ár gcultúr Gaelach a chothú
- Bhéim a chur ar shábháilteacht

### 3. Ráiteas maidir le hIontráil

Ní dhéanfaidh Gaelscoil Lir idirdhealú maidir le dalta a ligean isteach i 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 mhíchumas 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 sibhialta', '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.

### 4. Na catagóirí de Riachtanais Speisialta Oideachais a ndéantar freastal orthu sa scoil/sa rang speisialta

Is scoil í Gaelscoil Lir atá i mbliana ag bunú rang speisialta, le cead an Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna, a chuireann oideachas. Beidh an rang seo ar fáil go heisiach do dhaltaí a bhfuil diagnóis de Neamhord de chuid Speictream an Uathachais (NSU) catagóir nó catagóirí de riachtanais speisialta oideachais acu atá sonraithe ag an Aire agus d'fhéadfadh sé go ndiúltofaí isteach sa rang do dhalta nach bhfuil an chatagóir riachtanas acu atá sonraithe. ***Is í Gaeilge an teanga theagaisc sa rang speisialta.***

Lorgaítear acmhainní sa bhreis a ón Roinn Oideachais agus Scileanna tríd an gComhairle Náisiúnta um Oideachas Speisialta (NCSE) agus SENO na scoile. Beidh tuairiscí cuí an pháiste de dhíth ón scoil tuiscint iomlánach a bheith againn ar na scoláirí mar fhoghlaimeoirí aonaracha. I gcás an rang speisialta is rud éigeantach go mbeadh diagnóis de Neamhord de chuid Speictream an Uathachais ag an scoláire.

### 5. Daltaí a Ligean Isteach

Glacfar le hiarratais do pháistí a bheidh 4 bliana d'aois, ar a laghad, roimh an 1 Meán Fómhair don bhliain iarratais.

Ligfidh an scoil seo isteach gach dalta atá ag lorg iontrála ach amháin sna cásanna a leanas:

- (a) i gcás ina bhfuil ró-éileamh ar an scoil (féach alt 6 thíos le haghaidh tuilleadh sonraí)
- (b) 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

### 6. Ró-éileamh

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.

1. Deartháireacha, deirfiúracha, leath-shiblí, páistí altramaigh nó uchtaithe le daltaí reatha 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/i.\*
3. Páistí a bhfuil deartháir, deirfiúr, leath-shiblín, siblín altramaigh nó uchtaithe acu a d'fhreastail ar an scoil cheana féin.
4. 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.

(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 26. Áirítear san uimhir seo páistí a bhfuil spás acu sa rang speisialta ach atá sa ceangailte leis an rang príomhshrutha.

(b) Má tá beirt daltaí nó níos mó ceangailte faoi chritéar 1/2/3, socrófar tús áite de réir an chéad chritéar eile ar an liosta. Má tá critéar 4 i gceist, cuirfear san áireamh an t-am ar rugadh an leanbh atá ar fáil ar an deimhniú breithe.

(c) Iarratais dhéanacha.

Nóta: Sa chás gur mian le thuismitheoirí go n-áireofaí a bpáiste mar pháiste a bhfuil leibhéal líofachta sroichte aige/ aici sa Ghaeilge tabharfar cuireadh don thuismitheoir fianaise a chur ar fáil chun an líofacht sin a léiriú do ionadaithe an Bhord Bainistíochta. Is gá an fhianaise sin a chur ar fáil leis an iarratas ach amháin i gcás fianaise a chuirfear ar fáil trí fhreastal ar chruinniú sa scoil má lorgaíonn thuismitheoirí/caomhnóirí an deis freastal ar a leithéid de chruinniú. Cuirfidh an Bord Bainistíochta cruinniú dá leithéid ar fáil ar iarratas agus de réir acmhainní agus socrúithe an bhoird chuige.

Muna nglactar leis an bhfianaise cuirfear an páistí i gcatagóir eile, de réir mar is cuí. Is féidir achomharc i scríbhinn/ríomhphost a dhéanamh chuig an mBord Bainistíochta laistigh de sheachtain amháin ón gcinneadh a fháil. Is ag an mBord Bainistíochta a bheidh an cinneadh deireannach.

## 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.

- a) freastal roimh ré ag dalta ar réamhscoil nó ar sheirbhís réamhscoile, lena náirítear naíonraí,
- b) íocaíocht táillí nó ranníocaíochtaí (cibé slí a dtuairiscítear é) leis an scoil;
- c) cumas, scileanna nó inniúlacht acadúil an dalta; seachas i ndáil le: - lígean isteach i scoil lán-Ghaeilge, de réir fhorálacha alt 62(9) den Acht
- d) gairm, stádas airgeadais, cumas acadúil, scileanna nó inniúlacht thuismitheoirí 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.

## **8. Cinntí ar iarratais**

Beidh na cinntí go léir maidir le hiarratais ar iontráil chuig Ghaelscoil Lir bunaithe ar na nithe a leanas:

- Polasaí iontrála na scoile
- Fógra iontrála bliantúil na scoile (nuair is cúí);
- 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 Lir, 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**

- i. Ní féidir le Gaelscoil Lir tairiscint iontrála a dhéanamh ná a tharraingt siar ach sna cásanna a leanas — 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 Ghaelscoil Lir 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 Lir 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 gcritéir 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 bpríomhphróisis 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.

### **Naíonáin Shinsearacha**

Tabharfar áit má tá áit ar fáil sna ranganna seo a leanas: *Naíonáin Shinsearacha (2022)*. 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.

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 lorgaítear 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.

## **16. Dearbhú maidir le gan táillí a ghearradh**

Ní ghearrfaidh bord Ghaelscoil Lir ná aon duine a ghníomhaíonn thar a cheann táillí ar íocaíocht nó ní lorgóidh 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**

Cuireann an scoil fáilte roimh gach uile dalta.

**Scoileanna Ilchreidmheacha:** Is scoil ilchreidmheach í ár scoil agus déanann ár scoil clár eitice agus spioradálta a leanúint. Níl teagasc reiligiúnach mar chuid den chlár agus mar sin is féidir le gach dalta freastal ar na ranganna.

## **18. An ceart chun athbhreithnithe/achomhairc**

### **Athbhreithniú ar chinntí an Bhoird Bhainistíochta**

Féadfaidh tuismitheoir dalta, nó i gcás dalta a bhfuil 18 mbliana d'aois slánaithe aige/aici féadfaidh sé/sí a iarraidh ar an mbord athbhreithniú 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 athbhreithniú den gcineál sin a iarraidh agus na ceanglais eile a bhaineann maidir le hathbhreithnithe 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 athbhreithnithe 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 athbhreithniú 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 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 Bhoird 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 Bhoird 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.





## **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 09/06/2020. 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 Lir'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. The Irish language version of this policy will take precedence in the case of a discrepancy.

## **2. Characteristic spirit and general objectives of the school**

Gaelscoil Lir is an all-Irish school under the patronage of An Foras Pátrúnachta. It is a co-educational school founded in 2019 with a multi-denominational ethos.

The main objective of the school is the promotion of the Irish Language. We welcome every child regardless of their background, religion or special needs.

The school's Characteristic Spirit:

Gaelscoil Lir provides excellent child-centered, Irish-Medium education for all children. We place emphasis on creating a joyful environment where children feel happy, secure and inspired, where they are enabled to develop holistically. We prioritise the physical, social, emotional and cognitive development of the child, in addition to academic achievement. There is a particular emphasis on showing respect in our school; respect for ourselves, for others and for the environment.

It is Gaelscoil Lir's policy to provide an excellent Irish-medium, multi-denominational education to the school's pupils as a co-educational school. We do this by

- treating everyone in the school community fairly in a friendly, equal and reasonable way
- emphasising the development of the pupils intellectually, emotionally, physically, spiritually, ascetically and socially as a citizen of Ireland, Europe and the world.
- to promote self-respect, respecting others and the Irish culture
- an emphasis on the safety and contentment of pupils
- to prepare the pupils for the life ahead of them

## **3. Admission Statement**

Gaelscoil Lir 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.

#### **4. Categories of Special Educational Needs catered for in the school/special class**

Gaelscoil Lir is a school in the process of establishing a special class this year, with the approval of the Minister for Education and Skills. It will provide an education exclusively for students with a category or categories of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and may refuse to admit to the class a student who does not have a diagnosis of autism. *The class functions through the medium of Irish.*

The school requests additional resources from the Department of Education and Skills, through the National Council for Special Education (NCSE) and the school's Special Educational Needs Organiser (SENO) when this has been deemed appropriate by all parties. Appropriate reports on the child may be required by the school for this purpose.

#### **5. Admission of Students**

Applications for Junior Infants who must be due to be 4 years of age before the 1<sup>st</sup> September for the year for which they are applying.

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

#### **6. Oversubscription**

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:

If there are more applicants than there are places available, places will be allocated as follows:

1. Brothers, sisters, half-siblings, foster children or adopted children of current 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. Children who have a brother, sister, half sibling, foster or adopted sibling who have previously attended the school.
4. According to age; the oldest child first.

(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 26. This number is inclusive of children who are enrolled in the special class at that class level.

(b) If two or more pupils are tied under criteria 1/2/3, priority will be set according to the next criterion on the list. If criterion 4 applies, the time of birth available on the birth certificate will be taken into account.

(c) Late applications

Note: Where parents wish their child to be considered under the 'level of fluency in the Irish language' provision above, that parent is invited to provide evidence to prove/ display the fluency to the Board of Management's representatives. This evidence must be provided with the application, except when evidence is provided as a result of attendance at a meeting in the school where parents/guardians request the opportunity for such a meeting. The Board of Management will facilitate such a meeting on request, within available resources and in accordance with the Board's arrangements for such meetings.

If the evidence provided is not deemed sufficient, the applicant will be placed in another category according to the Enrolment Policy. An appeal may be made by email to the Board of Management within a week of receiving the decision. The Board of Management's decision will be final.

## **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:

- (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 (1) 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 Lir 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 Lir, 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 Lir 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 15
- 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.

**It is permitted under section 66(6) for schools to provide the school's patron or other board of managements with the following:**

- i. that an application has been received in relation to school admission
- ii. that an offer of a school place has been made or
- iii. an offer for a school place has been accepted

Anyone or all from the following list can be included:

- i. the date the school received an application for a school place
- ii. the date the school offered the school place
- iii. the date the applicant accepted the offer of the school place
- iv. personal information on the pupil(s) to include name, address, date of birth and pps number (according to paragraph 262 in 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 Lir 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 Lir 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 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.

#### **Senior Infants:**

Places will be allocated if places are available in the following classes: Senior Infants 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 applies 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.

*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 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.

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

The board of Gaelscoil Lir 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 17
- (b) the admission or continued enrolment of a student in the school.

### **17. Arrangements regarding students not attending religious instruction**

*Multi-denominational School:* Our school welcomes all pupils. Our school is a multi-denominational school and our school pursues an ethical and spiritual program. Faith formation/Religious instruction is not part of the program so all students can attend classes.

### **18. Reviews/appeals**

#### **Review of decisions by the board of Management**

The parent of the student, or in the case of a student who has reached the age of 18 years, 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 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 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.

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.

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.

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 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.