Polasaí **LABHAIRT NA GAEILGE**

Riail na Gaeilge & Modhanna Smachta

Aidhmeanna na Scoile
Tá sé mar aidhm againn i nGaelscoil Thaobh na Coille sár-oideachas trí mheán na Gaeilge a chur ar fáil. Tá sé mar mhór-aidhm againn freisin dearcadh dearfach agus grá don Ghaeilge agus don chultúr Gaelach a spreagadh sna daltaí. Is tré mhealladh, spreagadh agus moladh a cuirtear labhairt na Gaeilge chun cinn i measc daltaí sa scoil. Má tá an scoil chun an caighdeán is fearr a bhaint amach, ní mór di struchtúr éifeachtach a cheapadh a spreagann iompar dearfach agus a chuireann daltaí ó mhí-iompar. Cuirtear níos mó béime sa scoil ar dhúthracht ná ar oilbhéas. É sin ráite, is gá modhanna smachta áirithe a chur i bhfeidhm scaití, chun dea-thoil agus dea-dhearcadh na scoile a chaomhnú agus chun an mí-iompar a chur as ceann aon dalta a mbeadh an claonadh sin ann. Tuigeann muintir na scoile áfach, nach ionann aon dá pháiste agus go ndéantar eisceacht anois is arís dá bharr.
An Ghaeilge
Is í an Ghaeilge teanga na cumarsáide, an spraoi agus an tsóisialaithe i nGaelscoil Thaobh na Coille. Ciallaíonn sé sin go dtugtar áit lárnach don Ghaeilge mar: ▪ theanga labhartha na scoile ▪ theanga chumarsáide agus gnó na scoile ▪ theanga teagaisc agus foghlama i ngach ábhar (seachas Béarla) ▪ theanga chumarsáide ag na múinteoirí, na daltaí agus gach gné den scoil. Iarrtar ar thuismitheoirí, chaomhnóirí agus gach duine bainteach leis an scoil cuidiú linn 'Gaeltacht' a chruthú trí Ghaeilge (pé méid atá acu) a úsáid timpeall na scoile, go háirithe agus iad ag teacht ar scoil nó ag bailiú na bpáistí.
Riail na Gaeilge
'Sí riail na Gaeilge an chéad riail a leagtar síos i rialacha scoile na ndaltaí (féach dialann obair bhaile) 1. **Is í an Ghaeilge teanga na scoile. Labhair í i gcónaí, sa seomra ranga, sa chlós agus ag imeachtaí scoile.** ***'Labhair le Chéile as Gaeilge i gCónaí'*** Táthar ag súil gur i nGaeilge amháin a labhróidh na daltaí ón uair go dtagann siad isteach trí gheataí na scoile ar maidin agus go bhfágann siad arís um thráthnóna.

Múintear an frásaí seo a leanas do na daltaí ó rang na naíonáin shinsearacha ar aghaidh agus baintear úsáid astu le riail na Gaeilge a chur i gcuimhne do na daltaí.

'**Labhraimíd Gaeilge, an t-am ar fad, i ngach aon áit, i nGaelscoil Thaobh na Coille'**

Mealltar na daltaí le h-úsáid a bhaint as an bhfrása '**Stop, Smaoinigh, Gaeilge'** má labhraíonn dalta eile leo i mBéarla.

Modhanna Smachta

Seo a leanas an próiseas a úsáidtear chun déileáil le dalta a bhíonn ag labhairt i mBéarla sa scoil nó ag imeachtaí scoile.

1. Labhairt leis an dalta agus comhairle a chuir air/uirthi (ceartúchán ó bhéal & seans tugtha)
2. Labhairt leis an dalta agus a hainm/ainm le cur sa 'Leabhairín Buí' (cárta buí x 3)
   - Cláraíonn an dalta go raibh Béarla á labhairt aici/aige sa 'Leabhairín Buí'
   - Cláraíonn an dalta go raibh Béarla á labhairt aici/aige freisin sa dialann obair bhaile (leis an tuismitheoir a chur ar an eolas)
3. Nóta Foirmeálta (Cárta Dearg) le líonadh ag an dalta tar éis di/dó a bheith ag labhairt i mBéarla má tá 3 iontráil sa Leabhairín Buí.
   - An Cárta Dearg agus litir míniúcháin le seoladh abhaile ag an tuismitheoir/caomhnóir.
   - An Cárta Dearg sínithe le tabhairt ar ais ar scoil agus le tabhairt don phríomhoide.
4. An dalta a sheoladh ag an bpríomhoide chun an cás a phlé (Cárta Dubh & nóta abhaile)
   - Nóta Foirmeálta (Cárta Dubh) le líonadh ag an dalta tar éis di/dó a bheith ag labhairt i mBéarla arís.
   - Litir Foirmeálta le seoladh abhaile leis an gcás a mhíniú agus cabhair & tacaíocht an tuismitheora/caomhnóra a lorg.
   - Bileog Riail Labhairt na Gaeilge le seoladh abhaile le plé
5. Teagmháil a dhéanamh leis na tuismitheoirí/caomhnóirí, d'fhonn iad a chur ar an eolas agus tacaíocht a fháil (gan feabhas a bheith tagtha ar chúrsaí)
6. Cuireadh a thabhairt do na tuismitheoirí/caomhnóirí bualadh leis an múinteoir ranga agus an príomhoide.
7. Cuireadh a thabhairt do na tuismitheoirí/caomhnóirí teacht chuig cruinniú le Cathaoirleach an Bhoird agus an príomhoide.
8. An dalta a chur ar fionraí.

Nótaí

- Más sa chlós nó in áit ar bith eile ar thaillte na scoile, nó ag imeachtaí scoile a cloistear dalta/daltaí ag labhairt i mBéarla cuirfidh an múinteoir sin an múinteoir ranga ar an eolas chomh luath agus is féidir agus leanfar na céimeanna mar atá mínithe thuas.
- D'fhéadfadh sé go mbeadh 'Coinneáil Isteach' am sosa nó am lóin, nó aistharraingt ó imeachtaí scoile i gceist mar phionós scoile ag céim 3 nó 4 thuas má mhothaíonn an múinteoir ranga nó an príomhoide nach bhfuil feabhas ar bith ag teacht ar chúrsaí nó má tá an dalta ag déanamh neamhaird iomlán de Riail na Gaeilge.
- Tosaíonn daltaí nach bhfuil cárta dearg nó dubh faighte acu ar scláta glan ag tús gach téarma.

Tá tosaíocht ag an leagan Gaeilge den pholasaí seo má tá éagsúlacht ar bith idir an leagan Gaeilge agus leagan Béarla den pholasaí.

Faomhaíonn Bord Bainistíochta Ghaelscoil Thaobh na Coille Polasaí Gaeilge Ghaelscoil Thaobh na Coille mar atá luaite thuas.

Sínithe : Máire Mac Gabhann

Máire Mac Gabhann (Cathaoirleach) Dáta: 03 Samhain 2025

IRISH LANGUAGE POLICY

Irish Language Rule & Disciplinary Procedures

The Aims of the School
At Gaelscoil Thaobh na Coille, we are committed to providing an excellent education through the medium of Irish. We place particular emphasis on nurturing a positive and respectful learning environment that fosters a lifelong love of the Irish language. The promotion of the Irish language is achieved through encouragement, praise and positive reinforcement. To achieve this objective, it is essential that a clear and effective structure is maintained to promote positive behaviour, participation, diligence and respect for the Irish language. Nonetheless, it is recognised that a consistent standard of behaviour must be upheld to ensure an environment conducive to learning, mutual respect and goodwill amongst pupils. Teachers exercise discretion and professional judgement in managing behaviour, recognising the individual needs and circumstances of each pupil.
An Ghaeilge
Irish is the language of communication, play and socialisation in Gaelscoil Thaobh na Coille. This means that Irish is given a central place as: ▪ the spoken language of the school ▪ the language of communication and school business ▪ the language of teaching and learning in all subjects (except English) ▪ the language of communication by the teachers, the students and all aspects of the school. Parents, guardians and everyone involved with the school are asked to help us create a 'Gaeltacht' by using Irish (whatever level they have) around the school, especially when arriving at school or collecting the children at the end of the day.
School Rules
The rule with regard to the speaking of Irish is the very first rule in our school rules for pupils (see dialann obair bhaile). 1. **Irish is the language of the school. Speak Irish at all times in the classroom, in the yard and at all school events.** '*Labhair le Chéile as Gaeilge i gCónaí*' The pupils are expected to speak in Irish only from the minute they come through the school gates in

the morning until they leave again in the afternoon.

The pupils are taught the following phrases from senior infants onwards and they are used to reinforce the school rule regarding speaking Irish.

'Labhraimíd Gaeilge, an t-am ar fad, i ngach aon áit, i nGaelscoil Thaobh na Coille'

'We speak Irish, at all times, everywhere, in Gaelscoil Thaobh na Coille'

The pupils are encouraged to use the phrase '**Stop, Smaoinigh, Gaeilge'** *'Stop, Think, Irish'* if another pupil speaks to them in English.

Disciplinary Procedures

Here are the procedures that are implemented if a pupil speaks in English at school or at school events

1. Speak with the pupil and admonish/advise him/her (verbal correction)
2. Speak with the pupil and register his/her name in the 'Leabhairín Buí' (yellow card – x3)
   - The student records that they were speaking English in the 'Leabhairín Buí'
   - The student also records that they were speaking English in their homework diary (to inform the parent/guardian)
3. Formal Note (Red Card) to be completed by the pupil if they continue speaking English having already received three yellow cards - 3 entries in the Yellow Book (red card & note home)
   - The Red Card and explanatory letter to be sent home to the parent/guardian.
   - The signed Red Card to be returned to the school and given to the principal.
4. The pupil to be sent to the principal to discuss the case (Black Card & note home)
   - Formal Note (Black Card) to be completed by the pupil after they have been speaking English again.
   - Formal letter to be sent home explaining the situation and seeking help & support from the parent/guardian.
   - Irish Language Speaking Rules Sheet to be sent home for discussion.
5. Communicate with the parents/guardians to inform them of the situation and to gain their help/support.
6. An invitation sent to parents/guardians to meet the teacher and the principal.
7. An invitation sent to parents/guardians to meet the Chairperson of the Board of Management and the principal.
8. The pupil to be suspended.

Notes: ▪ If a pupils or pupils are found speaking in English in the yard or anywhere else on the school grounds, or at school events, that teacher will inform the class teacher as soon as possible and the steps outlined above will be followed. ▪ Detention during break or lunchtime, or withdrawal from school events may be applied as a school punishment at stage 3 or 4 above if the class teacher or principal feels there is no improvement or if the student is completely disregarding the Irish Language Rule. ▪ Students who have not received a red or black card start on a clean slate at the beginning of each term.
The Irish version of this policy takes precedence if there is any discrepancy between the Irish and English versions of the policy.