# Polasaí Gaeilge Labhartha/Oral Irish Policy Policy

## Ráiteas

Is Gaelscoil é Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich agus is í an Ghaeilge teanga cumarsáide na scoile. Tuigimid nach bhfuil Gaeilge líofa ag na tuismitheoirí go léir ach iarraimid oraibh cibé "cúpla focal" atá agaibh a usáid timpeall na scoile agus do pháiste a mhealladh chun Gaeilge a labhairt aon uair gur féidir. 'Sé an rud is tábhachtaí ná go mbeadh dearcadh dearfach agat don Ghaeilge.

## An Tumoideachas

Tá polasaí an tumoideachais i bhfeidhm sa scoil da bhrí sin:

- Ní mhúintear aon Bhéarla i Naíonáin Shóisir.
  Tosaítear ar an mBéarla a mhúineadh go foirmiúil i ndiaidh na Nollag i Naíonáin Shinsir. Múintear na páistí trí mhéan na Gaeilge ach amháin i gcás an Bhéarla i ngach rang eile.

- Caithfidh na páistí Gaeilge a labhairt i gcónaí sa scoil, sa seomra ranga agus taobh amuigh de, sa chlós, ag teacht agus ag imeacht ón scoil agus ag imeachtaí uile scoile. Bainfear usáid as smachtbhannaí le páistí a usáideann Béarla go leanúnach sa scoil. (Féach: **Cód Iompair:4.2)**

- Is í Gaeilge an chéad teanga agus teanga cumarsáide na scoile. Iarrtar ar tuismitheoirí pé Gaeilge atá acu a úsáid ar láthair na scoile. Cuirtear litreacha abhaile ón scoil i nGaeilge agus i mBéarla i gcónaí.

## Smachtbhannaí (Féach Cód Iompair 6.1 and 6.2)

Moltar agus mealltear na páistí as ucht a gcuid Gaeilge a usáid agus iad á fhoghlaim

Nuair atá líofacht sriochta acu, m.sh. ó Naíonáin Shinsir ar aghaidh leanfar an córas seo a leanas chun usáid do-ghlactha an Bhéarla, a dhéanann damáiste d'éthos nó atmasféar Lán-Ghaelach na scoile, a láimhseáil:

- Tabharfar rabhadh ó bhéil don pháiste ar an gcéad ocáid.
- An dara uair beidh anim an pháiste cláiraithe sa "Leabhar Béarla" agus beidh obair bhaile breise tugtha mar phionós. Beidh ar an obair seo a bheith sínithe ag na tuismitheoirí.
- Má tá an t-ainm cláirithe trí uaire, cuirfear fios ar na tuismitheoirí freastal ar chruinniú leis an bpríomhoide agus leis an múinteoir ranga. Cuirfear an páiste ar fionnraí inmhéanach go dtí go dtagann na tuismitheoirí isteach.
- Má leanann an páiste le leibhéal do-ghlactha Béarla glaofar cruinniú speisialta don Bhord Bainistaiochta chun an páiste a chur ar fionnraí (Féach: **Cód Iompair: 6.1 and 6.2).**

## Leagan Béarla/ English Version

### Statement

Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich is a Gaelscoil and Irish is our language of communication.  While we realise that not all parents have a command of the language we would ask you to use whatever "cúpla focal" you have within the school and to encourage your child to speak his/her Irish whenever possible.  What is important is that you have a positive attitude to the language.

### Immersion Education

The school has a total immersion policy and all subjects are taught through the medium of Irish except for English.

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- In Junior Infants the children are taught entirely through the medium of Irish and no English is taught or used in the classroom.
  Formal teaching of English commences in the second term in Senior Infants.
  All subjects except English are taught through the medium of Irish with the exception of English in other class groupings

- The children must use Irish at all times both inside and outside the classroom and when in school uniform i.e. in the school yard, coming to and leaving school, on school trips and during all other school events (Reference **Code of Behaviour: 4.2).**

- Irish is the first language and the language of communication within the school and parent are asked to use whatever Irish they have when in the school environs. All letters sent home from the school are written in Irish and in English.

## Sanctions (Reference Code of Behaviour 6.1 and 6.2 for elaboration)

Children will be praised and affirmed for their use of Gaeilge in the learning stages.
Once a level of fluency has been achieved i.e. from Senior Infants onwards, unacceptable use of English that damages the ethos and atmosphere "Lán Ghaelach" of the school will be addressed in the following way:

- The child will be given an oral warning.
  The child's name may be recorded in "An Leabhar Béarla" on the next occasion and extra homework or other age-appropriate reprimand will be given as a punishment. Extra homework will have to be signed by the parents.
- If the child's name is recorded three times the parents will be asked to attend a formal meeting with the principal and the class teacher. The child will be removed from their class and will work in another classroom until this meeting has occurred.
- If the child persistently uses an unacceptable level of English a special meeting of the Board of Management will be convened to discuss the suspension of the child from the school.
  (Reference: **Code of Behaviour: 6.1 and 6.2)**