



POLASAÍ CIANFHOGHLAIM
Blended Learning Policy
2020

Specific Aims

- To outline Naíscoil & Gaelscoil an tSeanchaí's approach for pupils who will not be attending school as a result of government guidance.
- To outline Naíscoil & Gaelscoil an tSeanchaí's expectations for staff who will not be attending school due to self-isolation but are otherwise fit and healthy and able to continue supporting with the teaching, marking and planning for pupils.

Who is the policy applicable to?

In line with government guidance, pupils, staff and families should self-isolate if they display any of the following symptoms

- A continuous, dry cough
- A high temperature above 37.8°C
- A loss of, or change to, their sense of smell or taste
- Have had access to a test and this has returned a positive result for Covid-19

Remote learning for pupils

In the event of a whole school lockdown or a class Bubble having to isolate for 14 days Naíscoil & Gaelscoil an tSeanchaí will provide remote learning (online) for pupils. In the following points, an outline of the provision will be made and some guidance given on the role of pupils, teachers and parents.

Naíscoil & Gaelscoil an tSeanchaí are fully aware that these are exceptional times and would like to make it clear that the completion of work, although not compulsory, is highly recommended and encouraged and that this document seeks to inform and guide families and not impose expectations. Each family is unique and because of this, should approach home learning in a way which suits their individual needs.

Family (pupil/parent/guardian) role

- Where possible, it is beneficial for young people to maintain a regular and familiar routine. Naíscoil & Gaelscoil an tSeanchaí would recommend that each 'school day' maintains structure.
- Each week, on Monday, work for the week, in Irish, English (R3-7), Maths and Topic will be posted on the school website <https://www.gaelscoilantseanchaí.com>. Families should view this together, and then make appropriate plans to complete the work. Work there after will be posted on Class Dojo and Google Classroom (R7)
- Should anything be unclear in the work that is set, parents can communicate with class teachers via the Class Dojo, teachers will endeavour to respond during during school hours
- Ensure children are familiar with login codes for accessing Google Classroom at home
- Work that children complete at home should be kept safe, ideally in their home learning book, and can be brought back to school when safe to do so. If instructed by class teacher, it should be posted on Dojo/Google Classroom
- To attempt to make use of the resources shared with them i.e. printing sheets, using relevant mathematical methods etc.
- We would encourage parents to support their children's work, including finding an appropriate place to work and, to the best of their ability, support pupils with work encouraging them to work with good levels of concentration.
- Every effort will be made by staff to ensure that work is set promptly on appropriate platforms but school cannot guarantee that the chosen platforms will work on all devices. Should accessing work be an issue, parents should contact school promptly

and alternative solutions may be available. These will be discussed on case-to-case basis

In the event of a whole school lockdown teachers will endeavour to have face to face on line contact through Microsoft Teams, for pastoral care purposes. Below is a guide and times may change according to a teacher's personal circumstances. Teachers on duty in school will not be in a position to have live contact.

Online Timetable:

	Luan	Máirt	Céadaoin	Déardaoin	Aoine
Naíscoil		9:00-9:30			9:00-9:30
Rang 1		9:30-10:00			9:30-10:00
Rang 2/3		10:15-11:00			10:15-11:00
Rang 3/4		11:00-11:45			11:00-11:45
Rang 5/6		12:00-1:00			12:00-1:00
Rang 7		1:00-2:00			1:00-2:00

Please note: all contributors and participants will be expected to rigidly adhere to our Acceptable Use Policy. All participants should attend live sessions appropriately dressed and, if possible, from a communal area in the home.

Teacher expectations

- Teachers should plan lessons that are relevant to the curriculum focus for that year group and endeavour to replicate this through video clips and tasks for home learners.
- Teachers should create videos for key teaching points in Irish, English, Maths and Topic and post these in a timely manner
- Any resources used, including websites and worksheets, should, where possible, be shared with home learners. Staff will do this electronically and it will be the responsibility of families to print/use these resources at home. Printed packages will be provided by request.
- To respond promptly, within school working hours, to requests for support from families at home. This should be done via the Class Dojo.
- Should a staff member require support with the use of technology, it is their responsibility to seek this support in school and Senior Leaders will ensure that support is given promptly.

Remote teaching for staff who are self-isolating

Teaching staff are required to self-isolate if they show symptoms outlined at the start of this policy or they have been told to shield and/or have received a letter to confirm this.

If a member of staff is required to self-isolate, they are expected to:

- Follow normal reporting procedure for planned absence.
- Following contact with school, a referral to Occupational Health may be made to support that individual.
- School will ask staff about their intention to get tested. Should a staff member be tested, it is expected, as per national guidance, to share the result of this test with school so that appropriate plans can be made.

Whilst self-isolating, and if able to do so, staff may also be asked to support with the online learning provision for their year group and may be given an individual project to work on

which is line with whole school improvement priorities. These projects will be communicated by the Senior Leadership Team and will be allocated on a case-by-case basis.