

GAELSCOIL EOGHAIN UÍ THUAIRISC
ENROLMENT POLICY FOR JUNIOR INFANTS

1. Gaelscoil Eoghain Uí Thuairisc is an All-Irish mixed primary school. The children are educated through the medium of the Irish language, in an open friendly and positive atmosphere.
2. The school is under the patronage of the Catholic Bishop of the diocese of Kildare and Leighlin. The school's ethos is based on the teachings of the Catholic Church.
3. It is the aim of the school to help each child reach his/her potential in all aspects of development – social, physical and academic.
4. Enrolment in Gaelscoil Eoghain Uí Thuairisc is based on equality of access. Children will not be denied access on grounds of race, special educational needs, disability, language, gender, religious values or social background.
5. The Board of Management takes responsibility for the maximum number of children in each classroom, taking into account guidelines from the Department of Education and Science and the space available in the school.
6. Three classes of Junior Infants will be accepted at the beginning of each school year, with a maximum of 20 children per class.
7. In the event of there being more applicants than places available in Junior Infants, priority will be given as follows:
 - Brothers or sisters of children who are currently attending the school, providing that the child is four years of age by the end of March prior to beginning school and providing that they have enrolled with the school by 30th September prior to beginning school.
 - Children of permanent school staff, providing that the child is four years of age by the end of March prior to beginning school.
 - Children from other families according to the date on which their Pre-Enrolment Form was received by the school, provided that the child is four years of age by the end of March prior to beginning school.

The Board of Management reserves the right to consider applications of exceptional circumstances.

8. Parents/Guardians who wish to have their child's name placed on a Pre-Enrolment List must fill in a Pre-Enrolment Form from the school office and return to the school. The school retains the original form and sends a dated copy to the parents for their records.
9. Parents will be contacted during the Autumn term, asking them to confirm or withdraw the child's name for consideration or to place the child's name on the Pre-Enrolment List for consideration for a different school year.
10. Deferring an application will not confer any advantage when consideration is given to applications for subsequent years. If the parent/guardian chooses to place the child's name on the Pre-Enrolment List for consideration for a different school year, the same selection criteria will apply to that child as will apply to all other children already on the list i.e. equal consideration for all children according to the selection criteria as set out by the Board of Management.
11. Parents will be notified before Christmas whether they are being offered a place or if their child's name is being placed on a waiting list.
12. The waiting list for places ceases to exist after 10 school days of the new school year have elapsed.
13. Parents/Guardians of unsuccessful applicants reserve the right to appeal to the Board of Management regarding its decision or to make an appeal (Section 29) to the Department of Education and Science.
14. An information night for parents of new children will be held during the month of June, prior to the child starting school.
15. The school will endeavour to give every assistance and support to children with special needs.
16. All students in Gaelscoil Eoghain Uí Thuairisc will be expected to co-operate with others in the school community and to support the school's policies, rules and Code of Behaviour.
17. This Enrolment Policy has been drawn up with taking into consideration the guidelines of the Education Act and Rules of Primary School, and it complies with the school's ethos.
18. This policy will be reviewed regularly and amended when appropriate.