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Scoil Idirchreidmheach

Gaelscoil Bhrian Bóroimhe,
Coill na nÚll,
Sord,
Co. Átha Cliath

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Admissions Policy

Introduction

Gaelscoil Bhrian Bóroimhe was established in Swords in 1999 as an *All-Irish Interdenominational Co-educational school*.

The school is funded by the Department of Education and Science and operates in accordance with the Rules for National Schools as laid down by the Minister for Education and Science. The school's patron is *Foras Pátrúnachta na scoileanna lán-Ghaeilge Teo*.

Gaelscoil Bhrian Bóroimhe strives to provide the *highest standards in Irish medium education*, where the *child is central* and where we seek to *develop the whole child*. Emphasis is placed on the *individual child* and each child is treated with *justice*. *Self-respect* as well as *respect for others* and other cultures is promoted at all times.

Pride of place is given to our *Gaelic Heritage* as a living vibrant culture and children are encouraged to take this with them and to spread it in their own lives. Priority is given to Gaelic games, music and dance.

Gaeilge is the first language of the school and it is expected that everyone, including pupils, teachers, parents and visitors will speak it in the school environment and while attending school related activities. Families who wish to raise their children through Irish and those who are doing so already, are especially welcome.

The school adheres to a policy of early immersion education in order to give the children a good start in Irish language acquisition. To this end, English is not taught until the second term in senior infants. This helps the children acquire sufficient language skills to learn through the medium of Irish.

The *Board of Management* operates through the medium of Irish. All communication in the school is through Irish. Bi-lingual versions are made available where necessary but Irish is always first (notices, letters, notes etc.).

Gaelscoil Bhrian Bóroimhe recognises religious, cultural, racial and individual *diversity*. Children are not refused admission based on any of these differences. Special recognition is afforded to the Christian Spirit. Gaelscoil Bhrian Bóroimhe promotes a co-operative *Catholic/Protestant ethos*. (A copy of the patron's definition is attached)

The school acknowledges the important role of the various *partners in education* and actively promotes open communication between pupils, parents, teachers, and the wider school community.

School business is conducted in a sensible and professional manner, based on the rules laid down and on best practice. It is always conducted in the best interest of the pupils.

School begins at 8.50a.m. and ends at 1.30p.m. for infants and at 2.30p.m. for classes 1-6.

The school uniform is a royal blue tracksuit with a yellow/gold polo-shirt and is available through the school. The uniform must be worn for school and for school related activities. Shoes with non-marking soles must be worn. Jewellery is not permitted as it can prove hazardous when children are running about or playing games. The exception to this is one stud earring per ear.

There are two breaks daily and children should have lunch for both. A healthy lunch policy is promoted in the school. Fizzy drinks, crisps, sweets and chewing-gum are not permitted. Glass bottles are not allowed.

Applying for a place in the school

Applications are only accepted on the school's official application form which is available through the school or from the school website www.gsbb.ie.

Children must be at least 4 years of age before the 1st of April in the same year that they are expecting to begin school in junior infants in order for their application to be considered.

The Board of Management decides on admissions to the school.

Parents/Guardians are informed in writing in January/February of the year the child is due to begin whether or not a place is available in the school. When places are filled, the remainder of the children's names are placed on a waiting list.

The school requests specific information on each child when enrolling. A copy of this form is available upon request.

30 is the guideline for maximum numbers in any class.

Children from other Gaelscoileanna or whose home language is Irish are welcome in any class at any time as long as a place is available.

Criteria used to assess applications

Siblings of children attending Gaelscoil Bhrian Bóroimhe.

Siblings of children who completed their primary education in Gaelscoil Bhrian Bóroimhe.

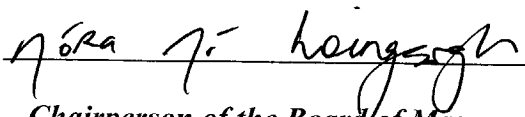
Other children in order of received official school application forms.

Children with special needs are always welcome.

Cód Iompair

A copy of the Code of Behaviour is available upon request.

**Under the terms of section 29 of the Education Act (1998), parents have a right to appeal the decision of the Board of Management in relation to admissions. This appeal must be lodged with the Department of Education and Science within 42 days of notification of the Board's decision.*

Signed: 
Chairperson of the Board of Management

Date: 19/10/15