

Parents - English Version

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1. Background information:

Complete this based on yourself

2. How might people be encouraged to choose an all-Irish education?

Provide more Gaelscoileanna and Gaelcholáistí by developing a policy for supply and also by growing existing schools

Establishing Gaelscoileanna and Gaelcholáistí as a basic principle (instead of Irish language units)

The supply of naíonraí creates demand for gaelscoileanna. Support naíonraí to grow & to strengthen early immersion education

Provide a free travel scheme & permanent school buildings

Promote Irish-Medium Education (IME)

3. What could be done to encourage pupils from all-Irish primary schools to continue their education in all-Irish secondary schools?

Establish Gaelcholáistí to serve students from local Gaelscoileanna. Stop establishing Irish Units & Streams in English-medium schools as an alternative gaelcholáistí

Gaelcholáistí must be on a par with English-medium schools in terms of subject choice, extra-curricular activities, school facilities, social events, sports teams etc.

Promote the benefits of continuing to a gaelcholáiste

4. What are the main challenges of providing high-quality all-Irish education? How can these challenges be addressed to boost and support provision in the sector?

Language support hours for Irish and language assistants must be made available to every child according to their abilities

Full immersion education to be recognised as a right and a standard approach of 2 full years of immersion should be implemented at primary level

Increase the supply of teachers with a high standard of Irish at all levels and also teachers qualified in second level subjects for gaelcholáistí

Re-introduce the allowance for teaching through Irish

Provide Initial Teacher Training and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) tailored to Irish-medium education, including pre-school

Increase awareness of the resources developed by COGG and greatly expand the number of these resources

Confirmation from NCSE that all special classes will be conducted through Irish CPD for SNAs. Run a publicity campaign to attract SNAs to work in gaelscoileanna

Curriculum, funding, CPD, training courses and guidance are all needed to ensure a high standard for naíonraí, who supply students to gaelscoileanna

5. How do you think it is possible to improve the provision of support for children and young people with special educational needs in full-Irish settings?

Language support hours for Irish & language assistants

Research, CPD, guidelines & resources for educators in mainstream/special/preschool classes

Support services through Irish e.g. therapists & psychologists

Documents, supports & resources adapted to the IME context available simultaneously, and not just a translation from English

Guidance from the Inspectorate/SENs regarding the operation of special classes in IME

Provide a specific source of support for special classes in IME schools

6. What do you think could be done to promote equality, diversity and inclusion in all-Irish education?

An Awareness campaign - that it is possible and worthwhile for children with SEN and children from other countries to attend a gaelscoil/gaelcholáiste. Publicise current diversity by presenting examples in a range of languages

Provide more IME schools. The local school is parents' most preferred option – something that is lacking in IME

Provide language supports for students

Create links with groups who work with minority groups

Research the reasons why people do not choose IME

7. As a parent/guardian, does your child's school/place actively promote the Irish language in the community?

- If you answer 'yes', you will be asked an extra question. If you give another answer, please move ahead to point 8 below.

Extra question: Please give examples of how your child's school/setting promotes Irish within the community.

Enter recommendations from your own school here.

8. How could better links be created between all-Irish education and the community in general in order to foster the use of the Irish language within the community?

Directory of services available through Irish - psychologists, services for students etc

A policy & supports regarding the promotion of Irish as a language of communication, fun and socialisation

A policy and investment regarding the promotion of the Irish language in the community.

The school has a role within its own community, but the school should not have a wider responsibility than that. Provide funding to develop relationships with a local GAA club, for example, and organise joint Irish language events for the wider community

9. Please use the space below to indicate any additional comments/insights you may have on the development of the new policy for full-Irish education outside the Gaeltacht.

What vision & plan does the State / RO have for IME? Targets for the number of pupils in IME must be set with a deadline for achieving these targets

Provision of gaelscoileanna & gaelcholáistí must be the primary goal

A definition is needed to what is: immersion education / naíonraí / gaelscoil / gaelcholáiste / unit / satellite in terms of subject range, standards, immersion etc.

Publish a plan to provide IME to all students who want it. Increase the supply of gaelscoileanna in areas that are in short supply and create demand for a gaelcholáiste in the area

Support this network by promoting youth clubs, social events etc where Irish is the language of communication

Increase the number of trained teachers for naíonraí, gaelscoileanna & gaelcholáistí

Establish standards, a quality framework and practices for immersion education
Develop resources for all levels

Ensure the normalisation of the use of Irish by creating links between gaelscoileanna/gaelcholáisti and Gaeltacht schools

Promote opportunities for north-south collaboration in IME

Promote closer links between gaelscoileanna and gaelcholáistí by organising joint events to help increase transfer rates