



Cuireadh an Polasaí seo le chéile i dtosach báire i 2006/7 nuair a bhunaíodh an scoil. Tháinig comhairleoirí na Deoise ag an scoil i 2008 agus bhí siad sásta leis an Teagasc Chríostaí a bhí ar siúl sa scoil. De réir a chéile tháinig forbairt ar na deachleachtais agus nósanna imeachta a bhí ar siúl sa scoil agus tháinig ceisteanna chun cinn chomh maith. D'iarr Foras Patrúnachta na Scoileanna Lán-Ghaeilge ar scoileanna Idirchreidmheacha breathnú ar a gcuid polasaithe arís i 2015/2016. Is toradh é an Polasaí seo ar an athbhreiniú sin. Déanann an polasaí seo iarracht cur síos cruinn a dhéanamh ar na deachleachtais atá ar siúl sa scoil agus ar na saincheisteanna a tháinig chun cinn a fhreagairt.

### Sainmheon

*‘Feidhmeoidh Gaelscoil na Lochanna faoi shainchreideamh Idirchreidmheach faoi Fhoras Pátrúnachta na Scoileanna Lánghaeilge Teo. le sainmheon Chríostúil a chothóidh an bheatha Chríostaí i saol na scoile spreagtha ag creideamh i nDia agus luachanna an tSoiscéil léirithe trí phaidreoireacht, ceiliúradh agus na sacraimintí i gcomhair leis na tuismitheoirí, an paróiste agus an pobal.’*

Spreagfar tuiscint, inghlacthacht agus caoinfhuilg i measc an scoilphobal uilig i dtaobh na difríochtaí agus na cosúlachtaí a bhaineann leis na sainchreidimh Chríostaí. Táimid ag deimhniú go bhfuil Gaelscoil na Lochanna oscailte do pháistí de gach agus d’aon chreidimh agus do pháistí gan creideamh- sin ráite an príomhról atá ag an scoil ná an dá Chreidimh Chríostaí a mhúineadh.

### Nósanna Imeachta a baineann le cúrsaí creidimh sa scoil:

#### Na Siollabais

Leanfar na siollabais reatha cuí Beo go Deo agus Lean mé taobh istigh d’am scoile.

Beidh pac ag an múinteoir ranga dena lámhleabhair agus leabhar an pháiste.(chomh maith le aon phostaeir, dlúthdhioscaí a bhíonn ar fáil.) Tá liosta de chúpla acmhainní eile atá ar fáil ag bun an pholasáí seo \*.

#### Ag Múineadh an dá shiollabas

Bíonn an siollabas don dá chreidimh Chríostaí mar an gcéanna san Ranganna sóisearacha sa scoil (Naí go Rang 2).

Ó Rang 2 tagann athruithe sna siollabais agus bheadh sé an-deacair an dá shiollabas a mhúineadh ina iomláin san am atá ar fáil don Teagasc Chríostaí mar sin déanfar ranganna reiligiúin a mhúineadh mar chomhbhuíon ach d’fhéadfadh grúpobair nó rang faoi leith a bhaineann le sainchreidimh amháin a chur ar fáil ó Rang 2 ar aghaidh uair sa tseachtain.

#### Deiseanna Adhartha

Beidh seirbhís Ceiliúradh an Fhómhair ag an scoil i Seipéal Eaglais na hÉireann ag deireadh Mí Meán Fhómhair. Bhíodh gach rang ag freastal ar seo agus fáilte roimh gach clann. Leis an scoil ag fás ó shin bíonn paistí suas go rang 2 (agus fáilte roimh a gclainnte siúd) ag an seirbhís. Ullmhaíonn na hard ranganna ealaín agus paidreacha don seirbhís.

Bíonn Seirbhís na Nollag ar siúl sa Seipéal Caitliceach gach Nollag. Bíonn gach rang páirteach agus bíonn fáilte roimh phobal iomláin na scoile.

Cuidíonn an scoil le Aifreann dá-theangach sa pharóiste ar Lá Fhéile Pádraig. (idir amhránaíocht, ceol, léitheoirí). Is aifreann do phobal an cheantair é seo.

## **Na Sacramintí**

Déanfar páistí atá mar bhall den Eaglais Chaitliceach Rómhánacha a ullmhú sa scoil do Shacramintí an Eaglais Chaitliceach. (Céad Fhaoistin, Céad Chomaoineach, Cóineartú) le linn am scoile agus cuirfear fáilte roimh phobal na scoile ina iomlána bheith páirteach sa cheiliúradh.

Déanfar an Chéad Fhaoistin agus an Chéad Chomaoineach i Rang 2

Déanfar an Cóineartú i Rang 5/6 i dteannta le Gaelscoileanna eile. (Scoil Chrónáin, Ráth Chúil).

Tugtar aitheantas agus spreagtar an ról agus an tábhacht a bhaineann le tuismitheoirí i bhforbairt chreidimh a bpáiste. Mar shampla, cuireann an Paróiste clár ullmhúcháin ar siúl do pháistí atá ag glacadh le sacramintí. Cuirtear oíche eolais ar siúl sa scoil chun na cláir a mhíniú don tuismitheoirí.

## **Páistí ó sainchreidimh difrúla ag freastal ar na sacramintí**

Fáilteofar roimh pháistí ó sainchreidimh difrúla freastal ar cheiliúratha na Sacramintí. Sna cláir ullmhúcháin ní bheifear ag súil go mbeidh siad ag foghlaim na paidreacha/amhráin etc ach beidh fáilte rompu i gcónaí páirt iomláin a ghlacadh sna ceachtanna.

## **Gaol leis an gCléir**

Cuirfear fáilte roimh chomhairleoirí deoise agus an cléir áitiúil sa scoil chun tacaíocht, comhairle agus cabhair a thabhairt do na daltaí, do na Boird Bhainistíochta, don fhoireann scoile agus do na tuismitheoirí.

## **An cléir ag guí leis na páistí agus ag beannú na bpáistí**

Fuair an scoil agus pobal iomláin na scoile beannacht speisialta ón Reachtaire agus ón Sagart ag tús saol na scoile i 2006.

Tugtar cuireadh do shagart ón bparóiste teacht le luathrigh ar Chéadaoin an Luathrigh chun na páistí a bheannú leis.

## **Nósanna Idircreidmheacha eile**

### **An Crois**

Beidh an Crois ar taispeáint sa scoil mar chomhartha na Críostaíochta. Beidh Croiseanna ó thradisiúin an eaglais Caitliceach agus Eaglais na hÉireann ar taispeáint taobh le taobh i ngach seomra. Ní bheidh dealbha ná pictiúir dhiaga ar taispeáint timpeall na scoile ach is féidir leis an múinteoir úsáid a bhaint astu ina rang mar áiseanna teagaisc an amannta cuí i rith na bliana.

### **An Bíobla**

Beidh cóip den Bhíobla i ngach seomra ranga agus déanfar scéal a léamh as go rialta.

### **Tacú le Carthannachtaí**

Gach ré bliain, um Chargas, déanfaidh an scoil tacú le Christian Aid agus ansin Trócaire.

## **Forbairt Proifisiúnta na múinteoirí**

Rachaidh múinteoirí ar chursaí traenala ar an Teagasc Chríostaí de réir a thagann siad ar fáil sa cheantar nó sna hIonad Oideachais. Cuirfear béim faoi leith ar fhorbairt profisiúnta maidir le múineadh an Chreidimh de chuid Creideamh Eaglais na hÉireann.



This policy was first drawn up in the 2006/7 school year when the school first opened. Diocesan advisors visited the school in 2008 and were happy with the teaching of religion and the interdenominational practices of the school at the time. As the school grew, new practices were developed and questions arose regarding some interdenominational elements. In 2015/6 the patron, Foras Patrúnachta na Scoileanna Lán-Ghaeilge asked interdenominational schools to review their policies. This policy now is the result of that review and it attempts to describe accurately the good practices of the school and to answer questions previously raised.

### **Interdenominational School- Definition**

Gaelscoil na Lochanna promotes an interdenominational characteristic spirit and will operate with a Christian ethos inspired by belief in God and Gospel values and expressed through prayer, worship and the sacraments in co-operation with parents, the local parishes and the community. Understanding, tolerance and acceptance of different Christian traditions will be fostered amongst the whole school community. Gaelscoil na Lochanna welcomes children of every faith and any faith and children with no faith- That said the main role of of the school is to teach the two main Christian Religions.

### *Practices with regard to religion in the school :*

#### **Syllabi**

The current syllabi (Beo go Deo and Follow Me) will be taught during school hours. Each teacher will have a teaching pack to include a teaching handbook and a pupil's book (along with posters, cds that are available). Other useful teaching resources are listed below.

#### **Teaching the two Syllabi**

The syllabi for the 2 Christian religions are the same as far as Rang 2. From Rang 2 -6 the syllabi differ greatly and it is very difficult to cover both in full within the time allotted to Religious Instruction, so for these classes, Religious instruction will take place in unison but group work and/or classes in a specific denomination may take place from Rang 2 onwards but no more than once a week.

#### **Opportunities for worship in the school**

We hold a Thanksgiving ceremony in the Church Of Ireland Church at the end of September each year. In the past all classes and parents were invited to this ceremony but because of the growing numbers in the school we can only take children from infants to rang 2 and their families are invited. The older classes prepare art work and prayers for this service.

We hold a Christmas service in the Catholic Church every Christmas. Every class takes part and all families are invited.

The school assists in the organising and running of a bi-lingual mass for St. Patrick's day (between singing, music and prayers). This is a public mass for all.

## **The Sacraments**

Children who are members of the Roman Catholic Church will be prepared for sacraments during school hours and the whole school community are welcome to share in the celebration.

The First Confession and Communion take place while children are in rang 2.

Children in Rang 5/6 make their confirmation together with other Gaelscoileanna in the area (Scoil Chrónain, Ráth Chúil).

The role and importance of parents as the primary faith teacher of the child is recognised and encouraged. For example, the Parish organises preparation masses for children receiving the Sacraments and parents are encouraged to bring their children to these masses. An information evening is held in school at the beginning of these Programmes.

## **Children from different traditions attending sacramental celebrations**

Children from every faith tradition will be welcome to the celebration of the Sacraments. During Preparation programmes these children will always be welcome to take part but they will not be expected to learn all the songs/prayers etc.

## **Links to the Clergy**

Diocesan advisors and local clergy are welcome to the school to assist or advise pupils, teachers, parents and the Board of Management with regard to religious instruction.

## **Clergy praying with and blessing the children**

The whole school received a joint blessing from the local Reverend and Priest at the founding of the school in 2006.

The Catholic priest is invited to visit the school to offer ashes to the children on Ash Wednesday.

## **Other interdenominational practices**

### **The Cross**

The Cross will be displayed in the school as a sign of Christianity. Crosses from the Catholic and Church of Ireland traditions are displayed side by side in each room. Statues and religious pictures will not be displayed around the Gaelscoil but the teacher may use them as teaching aids in class at suitable times during the year.

### **The Bible**

Each classroom will have a copy of the Bible and a story will be read to the class frequently.

## **Supporting charitable organisations**

The school will alternate each year between supporting Christian Aid and then Trócaire.

## **Professional Development**

Teachers will attend training courses as they become available in the area or in the Education centres (and in particular training on Church Of Ireland syllabus).

**\*Other resources**

following resources available on line:

[www.ireland.anglican.org](http://www.ireland.anglican.org) – most of the Book of Common Prayer translated to Irish as well as information about the Church of Ireland [www.gaeleaglais.ie](http://www.gaeleaglais.ie) – information about the Irish language in the Church of Ireland as well as many common prayers ‘as Gaeilge’ and phonetically written for people who don’t speak Irish (excellent for all traditions)

<http://www.assemblies.org.uk> : Loads of ideas for school worship which can be easily translated to Irish