

If you have a query

This enrolment/admissions policy, is being set out in accordance with the provisions of the Education Act 1998. The board of management trusts that by so doing parents will be assisted in relation to enrolment matters. Should you have a query in relation to this you should contact the following: Chairperson of the Board of Management, Seán Breathnach, Monmahogue, Tramore, Co. Waterford, and the Principal, Daithí de Paor, at the school address.

The Board of Management adopted this revised policy in April 2006.

Buadhac ar Bha na Trí Níste.

(A view of Tramore Beach.)



Gaelscoil Philib Barún



Enrolment Policy

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Gaelscoil Philib Barún is an all-Irish primary school. Irish is the medium of instruction. Founded in 1985 with 29 pupils, the school currently has 215 pupils on roll, with 8 mainstream class teachers, a learning support teacher and an administrating principal. The school also employs ancillary staff including a secretary and cleaning staff.

This is a mixed national school with classes from Junior Infants to Sixth Standard.

The standardised school year as published by the D.E.S. designates the closings for the Halloween, Christmas, February Mid-term, Easter and summer holidays. The BOM however will decide on other closures necessary for inservice days and other flexible days. The school year totals 183 days.

Gaelscoil Philib Barún depends on the grants and teacher resources provided by the Department of Education and Science and it operates within the regulations laid down, from time to time, by the Department. School policy must have regard to the resources and funding available.

The school follows the curricular programmes prescribed by the Department of Education and Science, which may be amended from time to time, in accordance with Sections 9 and 30 of the Education Act (1998);

Within the context and parameters of Department regulations and programmes, the rights of the patron as set out in the Education Act, and the funding and resources available, the school supports the principles of:

- inclusiveness, particularly with reference to the enrolment of children with a disability or other special educational need;
- equality of access and participation in the school;
- parental choice in relation to enrolment; respect for the diversity of values, beliefs, traditions, languages and ways of life in society

Enrolment Procedures

Parents seeking to enrol their child(ren) in Gaelscoil

Philib Barún are requested to return a completed enrolment application form (available in the office)

with an original Birth / Adoption Certificate to the school during February of the year of proposed enrolment

The names of children for whom enrolment application forms and birth/ adoption certificates have been returned, will be placed on a list of enrolment applicants to be considered for enrolment

Equality of access is the key value that determine the enrolment of children to our school.

No child is refused admission for reasons of ethnicity, special educational needs, disability, language/accnt, gender, traveller status, asylum-seeker/refugee status, religious/ political beliefs & values, family or social circumstances.

While recognising the right of parents to enrol their child in the school of their choice, the Board of Management of Gaelscoil Philib Barún is also responsible to respect the rights of the existing school community and in particular, the children already enrolled. This requires balanced judgements, which are guided by the principles of natural justice and acting in the best interest of all children. Assisting the school in such circumstances, the BoM reserves the right to determine the maximum number of children in each separate classroom bearing in mind:

- size of / available space in classrooms
- educational needs of children of a particular age
- multi-grade classes
- presence of children with special educational/ behavioural needs;
- DES maximum class average directives (currently a maximum average of 28 children)

In the event of the number of children seeking enrolment in any given class/standard exceeding the number of places available preceding or during the school year (due to the BoM being unable to provide suitable accommodation, or recruit the required teaching staff) the following criteria will be used to prioritise children for enrolment:

1. Brothers & Sisters (including step-siblings, resident at same address) of children already enrolled – priority to oldest
2. Children of current school staff – priority to oldest;
3. Children of past pupils-priority to oldest;
4. Children whose first language is Irish - priority to oldest;
5. Pupils who have attended Naíonra Philib Barún or any other recognised naíonra- priority to oldest;
6. Pupils for whom Irish is one of the languages spoken at home- priority to oldest;;

7. The oldest children on the list of applicants

In the event of being unable to enrol a child(ren) from categories 1-7, in a given class at the beginning of a year, or mid-year, such children will receive priority (in order of a, b, c,) for the subsequent school year over other children on the class waiting list.

Pupils wishing to enrol in 1st class to 6th may do so only by written application to the Board Of Management who may assess the implications of such an enrolment for the school's language policy

Pupils wishing to transfer from other schools are enrolled subject to the Rules governing National Schools, as well as our own school's enrolment policy and local agreements with other schools.

There is an Annual Open Day/ evening for prospective parents held in May (e.g.).

New Junior Infants spend one / two informal periods in school at the end of June to familiarise themselves with their new environment.

Children with special needs will be resourced in accordance with the level of resources provided by the Department of Education and Science to the Board of Management.

Notwithstanding the availability of such resources, parents of children who are dissatisfied with the level of educational provision in our school, are advised to consider a special school which is designed and resourced to specifically cater for the needs of children with special educational needs.

Children enrolled in our school are required to co-operate with and support the School/ Board of Management's Code of Behaviour as well as all other policies on curriculum, organisation, & management. The BoM places Parents/ Guardians responsible for ensuring that their child(ren) co-operate with said policies in an age-appropriate way. In accordance with the Department of Education's rules for National Schools, a child may be suspended . These policies may be added to and revised from time-to-time.