

# Gaelscoil Phort Láirge

## Polasaí Lóin Shláintiúil

Is bunscoil lán-Ghaeilge, comhoideachas í Gaelscoil Phort Láirge. Freastalaíonn an scoil ar an éileamh d'oideachas bunscoile trí mheán na Gaeilge sa cheantar.

Cuireadh an polasaí seo le chéile trí phróiseas comhoibrithe idir foireann múinteoireachta na scoile, an Bord Bainistíochta, Coiste na nDaltaí agus Cumann na dTuismitheoirí. Cuireadh le chéile é chun cultúr bhia shláintiúil a chothú i measc an phobal scoile.

### Ráiteas Ginearálta

Mar is eol do chách is cuid an tábhachtach d'fhorbairt an pháiste go n-íosfadh an páiste lón de bhia folláin. Is é polasaí na scoile é go mbéarfaidh na páistí lón sláintiúil leo ar scoil gach lá. Iarrtar ar na daltaí gan milseáin, seacláid, deochanna gásacha ná brioscáin a bhreith ar scoil leo mar chuid dá lóin.

### Sainmheon na scoile

Réitíonn an polasaí seo le sainmheon na scoile sa chaoi is go gcothaíonn sé atmaisféar dearfach do na daltaí agus tugtar tús áite do leasa agus do chúram an pháiste. Moltar agus spreagtar na tuismitheoirí/caomhnóirí a bheith páirteach in oideachas a bpáistí ón am a chláraíonn siad a bpáistí sa scoil linn.

### Aidhmeanna (Aims)

- Dearnadh dearfach a chothú maidir le bia shláintiúil.
- Chun dea-nósanna sláintiúla ithe a thacú agus a mholadh.
- Comhairle a thabhairt faoi na rudaí nach ceadaítear mar chuid den lón scoile.
- An teachtaireacht sláintiúil a thabhairt go foirmiúil trí cheachtanna OSPS (Oideachas Sóisialta, Pearsanta agus Sláintiúla) agus go neamh-foirmiúil is rith an lae.

### Treoirínite

**DE BHARR AILÉIRGE TROMCHÚISEACH A BHEITH AR PHÁISTÍ SA SCOIL LE CNÓNNA, NÍ CHEADAÍTEAR DO PHÁISTÍ BIA A THABHAIRT AR SCOIL INA BHFUIL CNÓNNA MAR CHOMHÁBHAR.**

Tá sos bheag (15 nóiméad) agus lón mór (25 nóiméad) ag na páistí gach lá (seachas as leath-laethanta).

Iarrtar ar thuismitheoirí bosca lóin shláintiúil a sholáthar do na páistí (bia ó Rannóg 2 – 6 de Phiramid an Bhia)

### **Chun bosca lóin shláintiúil a chruthú, moltar:**

- ceapairí feoil/sailéid/cáise,
- craicéir,
- pasta
- torthaí agus glasraí,
- bia atá éasca le láimhseáil do na páistí óga m.sh. an craiceann a bhaint d'oráistí,
- bia gan clúdach pháipéir,
- uisce, bainne nó sú thorthaí gan siúcra níos sláintiúla.

### **Ní mholtar:**

- gránbharraí áirithe atá lán le siúcra.

### **Ní cheadaítear:**

- Brioscaí
- deochanna giosála, deochanna spóirt nó deochanna lán le siúcra.
- Criospaí
- Milseáin
- Líreacáin
- Guma Coganta
- **Bia le cnónna iontu**
- Seacláid
- Cácaí/Cístí

Moltar gur choir do na páistí torthaí nó glasraí a ithe ag am sosa gach lá.

Tá grán rósta ceadaithe sa scoil.

### **Nótaí**

- Foghlaimíonn na páistí faoi bhia sláintiúil agus tionchar ar bhia sin san Oideachas Sóisialta Pearsanta Scoile (O.S.P.S.) agus san Eolaíocht.
- Ní cheadaítear do pháistí lón a mhalartú le cheile.
- Ar ócáidí speisialta agus ar an Aoine ceadaítear do na páistí rud beag milis a thabhairt leo ar scoil. Is féidir briosca, mion-barra seacláide, bonnóg nó criospaí a thabhairt ar scoil na laethanta seo. Iarrtar ar thuismitheoirí / chaomhnóirí gan paiceíd milseáin nó barraí móra seacláide a chur sna malaí scoile ar na hócáidí seo.
  - Samplaí d'ócáidí speisialta
    - Turais Scoile
    - An Lá Spóirt
    - Deireadh Téarma

Sna ranganna ina bhfeictear go bhfuil lón sláintiúil ag na daltaí ar fad d'fheadfadh an múinteoir duais speisialta a bhronnadh m.sh. 10 nóiméid breise d'aclaíocht sa chlós.

Tá bosca / mála lóin ag teastáil ó gach páiste. Tógann an páiste aon bhia nach bhfuil ite abhaile leo sa bhosca lóin.

## **Róil agus Freagrachtaí**

### **Tuismitheoirí/Caomhnóirí**

- Lón sláintiúil a thabhairt don pháiste gach lá.
- An tacaíocht a bhaineann le lón sláintiúil a mhíniú dá bpáistí

### **Múinteoirí**

- Labhairt leis na páistí faoi lón sláintiúil ag tús gach scoilbhliain
- Ceachtanna a dhéanamh ar bhia shláintiúil i rith na bliana mar chuid den churaclam OSPA
- Páistí a mholadh de bharr lón shláintiúil a ithe.
- Labhairt leis na thuismitheoirí/príomhoide faoi pháistí nach bhfuil ag tabhairt lón sláintiúil ar scoil go rialta.

### **Príomhoide**

- Tuismitheoirí/caomhnóirí a choinneáil ar an eolas faoi athruithe sa pholasaí seo.
- A chinntiú go bhfuil an Polasaí Lóin Shláintiúil á chur i bhfeidhm tríd an scoil.
- Meabhrúcháin a thabhairt do thuismitheoirí faoin bpolasaí seo a chur i litreacha agus nuachtlitreacha i rith na bliana.

## **Critéir Rathúla**

- Athrú dearfach le feiscint sna boscaí lóin
- Aiseolas dearfach ó mhúinteoirí agus ó thuismitheoirí/chaomhnóirí.

## **Athbhreithniú**

Déanfar athbhreithniú ar an bpolasaí i 2027.

## **Daingniú agus Cumarsáid**

Rinne an Bord Bainistíochta dearbhú ar an bpolasaí seo ar 24/09/25. Cuirtear cóip den pholasaí ar fáil do gach ball foirne. Cuirtear na polasaithe scoile ar fad ar shuíomh gréasáin na scoile, [www.gaelscoilchnocliamhna.ie](http://www.gaelscoilchnocliamhna.ie)

Sínithe : Fionnuala De Chnuic

Cathaoirleach an Bhoird Bainistíochta

Sínithe : Rónán Ó hÓgartaigh

Príomhoide Gaelscoil Phort Láirge

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## Healthy Eating Policy

### **Réamhrá (*Introduction*)**

Gaelscoil Phort Láirge is an all-Irish co-educational, catholic primary school. The school caters for the demand for primary education through the medium of Irish in the locality.

This policy was formulated through a process of collaboration between the teaching staff of the school, an Bord Bainistíochta agus Cumann na dTuismitheoirí. The policy was put together to promote a culture of healthy eating within the school community.

Should there be any discrepancy between the Irish and English in this policy, it is accepted that the Irish is the correct version and the English is provided as a translation.

### **General Statement**

As everyone is aware, healthy lunches are an important component of the development of children. It is school policy that children bring a healthy lunch to school every day. Pupils are asked not to bring sweets, chocolate, fizzy drinks to school as part of their lunch

### **School Ethos**

This policy complements the ethos of the school in that it fosters a positive atmosphere for the pupils and prioritises the welfare and care of the child. Parents/Guardians are encouraged and motivated to become involved in their child's education from the time they enrol with the school.

### **Aims**

- Creating a positive attitude towards healthy food.
- To support and encourage healthy eating habits amongst the pupils.
- Advising parents as to the lunch items that are not allowed as part of the school lunch.
- Incorporating the healthy message through formal SPHE (Social Personal and Health Education) lessons and informally throughout the day.

## **Guidelines**

**AS THERE ARE CHILDREN IN THE SCHOOL WITH SEVERE NUT ALLERGIES, FOOD CONTAINING NUTS AS PART OF THE LISTED INGREDIENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE SCHOOL.**

The children have a small break (15 mins) and a lunch break (25 mins) daily (other than on half days).

Parents / Guardians are asked to provide children with a lunchbox full of healthy food.

**In order to create a healthy lunchbox, the following food and drinks are encouraged:**

- meat/salad/cheese sandwiches,
- crackers,
- pasta,
- Fruit and vegetables.
- food that is manageable for younger children e.g. give the child a peeled orange,
- wrappers are best kept to a minimum,
- drinks such as water, milk or unsweetened fruit juice.

**The following are discouraged:**

- Certain cereal bars with high sugar content.

**The following are not permitted :**

- Biscuits
- Crisps
- Sweets
- Lollipops
- Chewing gum
- Food containing nuts and /or seeds
- Chocolate
- Cakes / buns
- Fizzy drinks, sports drinks and drinks with high sugar content.

It is recommended that every child should eat a piece of fruit or vegetable at first break ( with another piece of healthy food if required)

Popcorn is permitted as part of a healthy lunch

## **Notes**

- Pupils learn about the positive effects of healthy eating during science and S.P.H.E lessons.
- Lunch swapping between children is not allowed.
- On special occasions and on Fridays lunchboxes may include **one** treat. This could include a biscuit, mini-bar, a bun or crisps. Parents are asked not to give the child packets of sweets or large chocolate bars.

### Examples of Special Occasions

- School Tour
- Sports Day
- End of Term

Classes where the healthy eating policy is being observed to a very high degree may be rewarded with an activity break such as 10 minutes extra activity in the yard at break/ lunchtime.

Every pupil needs to have a dedicated lunchbox. Any uneaten food has to be taken home in the lunchbox.

## **Roles and Responsibilities**

### **Parents/Guardians**

- To provide the child with a healthy lunch every day.
- To highlight the importance of healthy eating to their children.

### **Teachers**

- To discuss healthy eating with the children at the beginning of each school year
- To teach lessons on healthy eating as part of the SPHE curriculum
- To praise children who eat their healthy lunches regularly
- Discuss with the parents/principal if there are concerns regarding the suitability of a child's lunch on a regular basis.

## **Principal**

- Keeping parents/guardians informed regarding changes in this policy.
- Liaise with the teachers regarding issues pertaining to healthy lunches.
- Write reminders of this policy in letters and newsletters during the school year.

## **Success Criteria**

- A positive change visible in the children's lunchboxes
- Positive feedback from teachers and parents/guardians.

## **Review**

This policy will be revised in 2027 .

## **Ratification and Communication**

This policy was ratified by the Board of Management on 24/09/25.

A copy of the policy is made available to each member of staff. The policy can be viewed by parents on our school website.

Signed : Fionnuala De Chnuic

Príomhoide Gaelscoil Phort Láirge

Signed : Rónán Ó hÓgartaigh

Cathaoirleach an Bhoird Bainistíochta



# PIRIMID AN BHIA

ITH GO RIALTA/ GO SLÁINTIÚIL

**Bia/ Deochanna ina bhfuil a lán saille, siúcra, salainn**



NÁ hith goch lá



Éirigh gníomhach

**Saill, leatháin, olaí**



Méideanna an-bheag

**Feoil, éineoil, iasc, uibheacha, pónairí, cnónna**



2 SCIAR SA LÁ

**Bainne, iógart, cáis**



3 SCIAR SA LÁ

**Caiscín, gránaigh, aráin, prátaí, pasta, ris**



3-5 SCIAR SA LÁ

**Glasraí, sailleíd, torthaí**



5-7 SCIAR SA LÁ

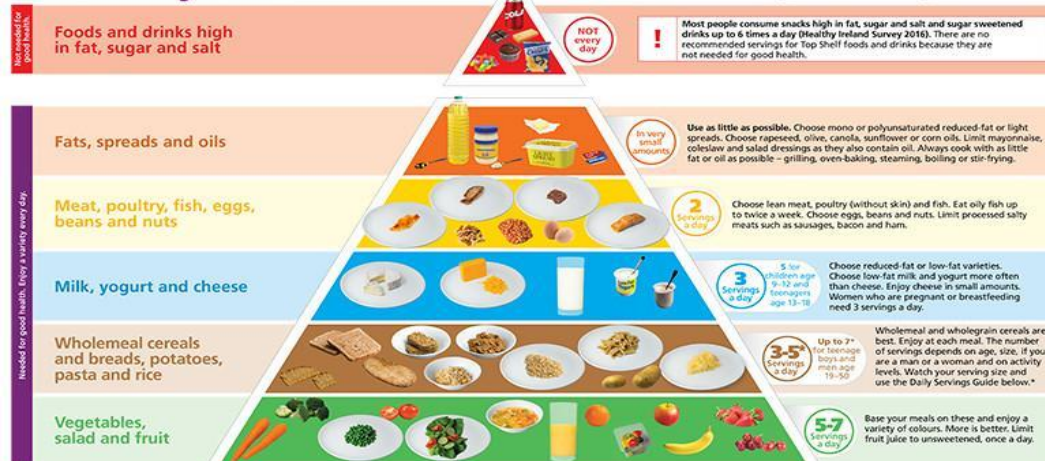
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### The Food Pyramid

For adults, teenagers and children aged five and over



\*Daily Servings Guide – wholemeal cereals and breads, potatoes, pasta and rice

Active	Child (5-12)	Teenager (13-16)	Adult (19-50)	Adult (51+)	Inactive	Teenager (13-16)	Adult (19-50)	Adult (51+)
♂	3-4	4	4-5	3-4	♂	3	3-4	3
♀	3-5	5-7	5-7	4-5	♀	4-5	4-6	4

There is no guideline for inactive children as it is essential that all children are active.

Average daily calorie needs for all foods and drinks for adults

♂ Active 2000kcal	♀ Inactive 1800kcal	♂ Active 2500kcal	♀ Inactive 2000kcal
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Source: Department of Health, December 2016.

Serving size guide

<b>Cereal, cooked rice and pasta, and vegetables, salad and fruit</b> Use a 200ml disposable plastic cup to guide serving size.	<b>Cheese</b> Use two thumbs, width and depth to guide serving size.	<b>Meat, poultry, fish</b> The palm of the hand, width and depth without fingers and thumb, shows how much you need in a day.	<b>Reduced-fat spread</b> Portion packs found in cafes can guide the amount you use. One pack should be enough for two slices of bread.	<b>Oils</b> Use one teaspoon of oil per person when cooking or in salads.
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<b>Drink at least 8 cups of fluid a day – water is best</b>	<b>Get Active!</b> To maintain a healthy weight adults need at least 30 minutes a day of moderate activity on 5 days a week (or 150 minutes a week); children need to be active at a moderate to vigorous level for at least 60 minutes every day.
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