

# Polasaí Gaeilge

## **Scope of the policy:**

This is a whole school policy and relates to the entire school community.

## **Rationale:**

Gaelcholáiste Cheatharlach is an all Irish school.

The Irish language is the primary language of the College and we expect the students to solely speak Irish at school.

- We realise that English is the primary language of most of the students at home and therefore it is our duty to be alert in order to develop the Irish language among the students. Opportunities will be given to the students regarding the use of Irish in various contexts. We will continuously assist the students in their progress.
- Many parents are concerned due to their lack of Irish, but this is not necessary. We believe that parents can use the “cúpla focal” with their children and we would see it as their duty to do so. We are asking you to encourage your children to use the language outside of the school environment to help them realise that it is not just a school language.
- It is our duty as teachers to lead by good example by speaking Irish at all times and to inspire the students so that they achieve a standard of excellence in Irish.
- Every pupil has the responsibility to be loyal to the Irish language. The class tutor will watch over and encourage the standard of the spoken language. Class reps will play a role in the development of the language in the future.
- It will be school policy to have Irish posters on the school walls and to use Irish textbooks when possible. We also expect the students to use the Irish version of their name and surname.