

Am/Time	Clár Ama/Timetable
8.50-9.00	<p><u>Fáilte / Welcome</u> The children arrive at Naíscóil and are welcomed by their teachers. Each child has their own place to hang their coat and keep their belongings. The Naíscóil teacher is available to parents if they wish to discuss any concerns. Staff ensure that children feel secure and have a sense of well-being.</p> <p>Gaeilge is the main language used in the Naíscóil, and through this immersive process, the children pick up the Gaelic language very quickly. (Please note children cannot be accepted into Naíscóil before 8.50am for insurance reasons)</p>
9.05	<p><u>Pleanáil / Planning</u> Children and staff go to the quiet room where we sing our morning song and get ready for a new day at Naíscóil. We complete self-registration, listen to each other's news, pick a helper for the day, remind ourselves of how to stay safe at Naíscóil and then choose what we would like to do during free play (weather permitting). At this time staff work together to create an environment where children are enthusiastic about their learning.</p>
9.15	<p><u>Taobh amuigh / Outside</u> Children have the opportunity to run, jump, climb, skip, hop, balance, kick, throw and catch. Physical development helps children to gain confidence, develop self-esteem, gain an understanding of safe practice and develop the social skills of turn taking, sharing and co-operating and negotiating.</p>
9.30	<p><u>Saorshúgradh / Free Play</u> In Naíscóil we use play as the centre of our curriculum, children experience the curriculum in a holistic way through play and other relevant experiences. The children can avail of the healthy buffet break which is provided. During break staff encourage children to develop their fine motor skills and independence by buttering their own bread and pouring their own drink. During free play staff also take small groups to the quiet room to complete literacy/numeracy/music activities. Depending on the weather the children are free to go outside during free play. Outside the children have the opportunity to run, jump, climb, skip hop balance, kick, throw and catch. In addition to this, through planning, staff ensure that all areas of the curriculum are met both inside and outside.</p>
11.15	<p><u>Glanadh / Tidy –up</u> In the Nursery every second of every day counts! Each and every routine then that the child engages in has a learning outcome/intention, including tidy up time. At this time each child is assigned a role and encouraged to help. Tidying in the Naíscóil promotes early mathematical skills such as matching and sorting. It also promotes independence and encourages children to take responsibility for their actions.</p>
11.25	<p><u>Am scéalaíochta / Story time</u> Story time is a great time for children to develop a love for reading. We encourage children's enthusiasm through the use of interesting stories, puppets, songs and role play. We have a wide variety of Gaelic books including the traditional favourite. Books also feature around the classroom.</p>
11.45	<p><u>Am lóin / Lunch time</u> Naíscóil an Chaistil provides the option of lunch or dinner (free/paid - both available). This is an excellent time for children to enjoy the company of their peers and develop their social skills. Staff also promote independence by encouraging the children to carry their own dinner trays or lunch boxes.</p>
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12.50	<p><u>Scuabadh Fiacla agus Am Ceoil / Teeth brushing and Music time</u> We are proud to promote good oral health and each day the children brush their teeth in groups. This is done in conjunction with a music and rhyme session to ensure that all children are active and enjoying themselves. Children are also provided with water to drink at this time.</p>
1.10	<p><u>Obair Ghrúpa / Group Work</u> In addition to the exposure children have to the Gaelic language throughout the free play session, each day we complete group work session to focus on target language and skills. Each week the children will take part in activities including; cooking, sport, art, circle time, table top puzzles, gardening.</p>
1.30	<p><u>Am Ciorcail agus Am órga / Circle Time and Golden Time</u> In support of our good behaviour policy, children will be given the chance to have a 5min reward at the end of each day. This may include a game, a sticker or song. The children really enjoy working hard throughout the day to receive this reward.</p>
1.45	<p><u>Am Baile / Home time</u> Parents collect children and the Naíscóil teacher is available to parents, if they wish to discuss anything.</p> <p>(Please note staff will open the nursery door at 1.45pm and not before, this is in the interest of the children, especially those who may be in the reception area preparing for home, retrieving coats, lunch boxes etc)</p>