

Taigh Sgoile na Drochaide - Community Policy

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1. Introduction

This document guides the school's relationship to the local community, as this school was conceived by community need and desire, and the community has come together to create this school. That path is important and the school's involvement in the wider community and the community's involvement in the school is critical to its purpose.

2. Policy Statement

The goal of this policy is to establish a positive relationship with the community as well as maintain this relationship over coming years. In addition to this, the policy will allow there to be an integration of the community into the school, and the school into the community. It is the hope that this policy helps to establish, maintain and expand this important relationship.

3. Relationships

- 3.1. In order to grow with the community, the school will work to establish and build relationships with businesses, organizations, individuals and other schools.
- 3.2. The school has been established with the goal of supporting the local and wider Gaelic community. The school will therefore, to the best of its abilities, act as an institutional support for the growth of the community and not seek to be, or be seen as, a disruptive addition to the community.

4. Curriculum and learning

- 4.1. The school seeks to incorporate the local community as well as the broader Gaelic community into its curriculum and learning, including:
 - 4.1.1. School and student involvement in local events.
 - 4.1.2. Local people and tradition bearers being invited into and involved with the school.
 - 4.1.3. The importance of community will be taught to children.
- 4.2. The school seeks to bring the community into the "classroom" by utilizing

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short field trips into the community as learning aids. This might mean having lunch at a local park or going to the local businesses at key intervals to do on site learning.

5. Environment

- 5.1. As per the environmental policy the school participates in community clean ups and other community level environmental initiatives.
- 5.2. Also as per the environmental policy the school strives to be a green addition to the community.
- 5.3. For more details about the school's plan as regards the environment, please see the Environmental and Sustainability policy.

6. Language

- 6.1. The school is committed to promoting the Gaelic Language in the community. For more information please see the relevant sections in the school's Language Policy.

7. Conclusion

- 7.1. It is the hope of the school working group that this policy leads to a positive relationship with the local community, allowing the school to integrate smoothly and become a pillar of the community.
- 7.2. This policy will be reviewed annually or as necessary to ensure that it is up to date and effective.

Revision History & Approval

Revision	Date	Approved by
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