



Assessments

As of June 2012, legislation has changed regarding assessments in all schools. Standardised testing is compulsory in 2nd, 4th and 6th class. The results of these must be forwarded to the Department of Education and Skills. Copies of the 6th class written reports must also be sent to the Post Primary School the child will attend. It is common as well as good practice in the majority of schools to carry out standardised as well as diagnostic testing throughout the school. This begins in Junior Infants. The first **standardised test** will be carried out when pupils are in Senior Infants and every year after that. Results will be communicated to parents in the end of year written report.

In Scoil Mhaoilíosa we have a very effective Special Needs' Department which looks after testing within the school. **From time to time individuals as well as groups of children may be withdrawn from class for reading or other tests.** This does not necessarily indicate that your child has a learning difficulty. Assessment of learning as well as assessment for learning are tools which we use in this school.

Inclass Support/Withdrawal

The school's education team consists of class teachers (6), support teachers (3) and special needs' assistants (2). All of those members of staff will be involved in the education of the pupils. **Sometimes this will entail withdrawing groups for additional teaching, for example if a child has gross motor, fine motor, social skills needs, gifted children, etc. At other times the support staff will go into the classes to support the class teacher. Parents will be kept informed at all times.** Every decision is made with the best interest of the pupils in mind and if there is concern about the progress of any child, parents will be contacted. Similarly, parents are encouraged to contact the school if they have concerns.

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