



1st September 2021.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Beatha agus sláinte!

Please see the following policy regarding higher and ordinary level classes for Irish in third year.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Le meas agus le buíochas,
Roinn na Gaeilge

Policy

Levels in Irish for Third Year Students

Rationale:

Junior Cycle Irish has a common level Specification. All first and second year students follow this common level course. However, there are two different examination papers at the end of the course in third year, higher level and ordinary level. Therefore, classes need to be divided in third year to facilitate both of these levels as requirements are not the same for both examination papers. The following is an outline of how Roinn na Gaeilge, Scoil Dara divide all third year students into classes of the appropriate levels.

- Examination:

- A common class exam takes place the second last week of October of third year.
- This exam comprises of material covered in second year and the start of third year and its layout is based on Department of Education sample and past exam papers.
- All classes in third year sit the same exam on the same day in their class groups.
- This exam is corrected by the class teachers using an agreed common marking scheme which is based on Department of Education guidelines.
- The results of this exam are available by the Friday of the October midterm.
- A minimum of 40% must be achieved to gain a place in a higher level class.

- Classes:

- Classes will be restructured during the week after the October midterm break.
- A student's general application throughout second and third year may also be taken into account.

- Textbooks and exam papers:

- Where a student changes to ordinary level, no new textbook is needed.
- Where necessary, the ordinary level book can be accessed as a reference online by the teacher in class.
- Students must not purchase examination papers until after the October midterm to ensure the purchase of the correct level.

Please note:

- This information is given to third year students upon their return to school after the summer break.
- This information is also published on the school's website at this time. A text is sent from the school to parents and guardians when the information is available to access on the website.