

COACHING PROGRAMME & SUPPORT

RETURNING TO SCHOOLS

1ú Meán Fómhair, 2020

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The Gaelic games family – GAA, Cumann na mBunscol, LGFA and Camogie Association – annually has a presence in almost 4,000 primary schools on the island of Ireland and are keen to maintain these relationships in the challenging times caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

As a family of organisations, through our coaching and games development operation, we want your school and Teachers to know of our commitment to provide physical activity opportunities and assist Teachers in the delivery of the PE curriculum in line with all public health advice, policy and procedures as apply across the island.



We fully understand and appreciate the changed environment that will exist within schools from September, and respect that the needs of individual schools may vary. We have successfully managed the return to play and, through our coaching workforce, have successfully organised the Cúl Camps with over 70,000 children taking part. As a result, our personnel understand and are prepared through their training to contribute and support the health, wellbeing, and holistic development of all pupils as they return to school. All of our staff and coaches are required to present a completed Covid Health Questionnaire each day they would arrive at a school.

We are delighted, too, to outline a number of programmes and activities that will support physical activity in your school. The menu outlined is aligned to the PE and wider curriculum and can be delivered in different settings, from classroom to outdoor and with or without the support of our personnel. We would ask that you review the programmes and related resources.

We will be hosting an educational webinar soon to give more information on the programmes. In addition, a member of our Coaching and Games Development staff in your county will contact you to provide more detail and identify ways in which we can be of help.



PLANNING & LEARNING SUPPORTS

The Gaelic games family can offer a series of cross-curricular learning activities & resources for children in all class levels.



TEACHING	PROGRAMMES	RESOURCES	PLANNING	CLASSROOM	HALL	YARD/ PITCH
Physical Literacy and Fundamental Movement Skills (FMS)	<p>The GAA offers a series of fun-based exercises to develop primary school pupils' movement skills – progressing from basic movement skills to basic motor skills to fundamental movement skills: Agility, Balance, Coordination, Running and Jumping, Throwing, Catching, Passing, Kicking and Striking. These skills form the basis of sport-specific skills required to play Gaelic games.</p> <p>A series of short Movement Breaks that can done in the classroom or outside. This resource was developed as part of the GAA's involvement in the Moving Well-Being Well research initiative.</p> <p>In response to the onset on COVID-19, a range of specifically design social/physical-distancing-appropriate movement skill activities have been developed as part of the GAA Activity Planner: Select 'Social Distancing Friendly'.</p> <p>All exercises aim to contribute to the development of children's wider holistic development and wellbeing.</p>	<p>Click on the links for instructional videos and lesson plans on developing physical literacy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic Motor Skills FMS Physical Literacy Movement Breaks GAA Activity Planner 	✓	✓	✓	✓
Planning & Delivery of PE, Sport and Physical Activity Support	<p>The GAA has a range of resources to that can support Teachers in the planning and delivery of PE lessons, sport and physical activity opportunities for primary school pupils. For planning, there is a mix of online and print planning tools that have been developed by Primary Teachers for Primary Teachers. This includes a range of social/physical-distancing-appropriate movement skill activities on GAA Activity Planner and Turas resources.</p>	<p>GAA Activity Planner can help Teachers identify activities, build PE lesson plans, with hundreds of movement skill and Gaelic games activities. Most activities have an instructional video, which can be shown on whiteboards.</p>	✓	✓		
	<p>Coaching and Games Development staff and club coaches are in a strong position to provide support to Teachers in the delivery of PE, sport, and physical activity opportunities. The GAA is committed to contributing to the health, wellbeing, and holistic development of all pupils, in strict keeping with ongoing public health advice, policy and procedures and that of the school.</p>	<p>GAA PE Céim ar Aghaidh assists Teachers to deliver the Games Strand of the PE curriculum through Gaelic games activities, including 16 lesson plans at every class level.</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓
	<p>GAA Go Games are Hurling/Camogie and Gaelic Football for children up to and including 11 years of age, where every child gets to play (a Go) in every game, for the full game. With small team sizes and playing area, Go Games may be suitable to play in class bubbles & pods.</p>	<p>Ulster GAA PE Lessons Plans is series on text-based, DENI Key Stage 2 plans For Athletics, Gymnastics, Dance and Games.</p>	✓			
	<p>The Camogie Association offer a range of resources, including session plans, skill videos, physical-distancing activities, a Hurl With Me booklet and more.</p>	<p>Leinster GAA Turas Programme is a range of hurling/camogie and Gaelic football lesson plans for children aged 7-13 years.</p>	✓			
	<p>The LGFA offer a range of coaching and teaching resources, plus skills videos, skills cards and a skills logbook.</p>	<p>GAA Skill Challenges are series of instructional videos of intercounty starts doing the 30-second Skill Challenges.</p>		✓	✓	✓
All subjects/ Cross-curricular	<p>GAA Céim ar Aghaidh is a series of cross-curricular, Gaelic games-themed Teacher lesson plans and pupil learning activities, across every subject and every class level. In keeping with the values of the GAA, the material is designed to promote participation for all. There a specific section addresses the needs of pupils with special educational needs. See also the #GAAPrimary Challenges.</p>		✓	✓		
Leaganacha Gaeilge	<p>PE Céim ar Aghaidh Sin é achmhainn mhúinteoireachta CLG do Chorroideachas atá curtha ar fail chun cabhair a thabhairt do Mhúinteoirí Bunscoile Snáithe na gCluichí sa Churaclam Náisiúnta Corpoideachais a chur ar fáil trí na Cluichí Gaelacha - Peil Ghaelach, Iománaíocht/Camógaíocht, Liathróid Láimhe agus an Cluiche Corr san áireamh. Cuireann sé le Paca Acmhainní Céim ar Aghaidh CLG, an t-acmhainn oideachais tras-churaclam, bunaithe ar théama Chumann Lúthchleas Gael, a thacaíonn le Mór-Churaclam na mBunscoileanna.</p>		✓	✓	✓	✓
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TEACHER WORKSHOPS

To further support Teachers' learning and development, a 60 min. workshop can be delivered, introducing Teachers to the range of Gaelic games, movement skill activities and wider cross-curricular learning resources.

Bespoke workshops can also be delivered to suit individual school needs both online and (if/where appropriate) face-to-face, e.g., a hurling/camogie workshop.



Webinar for Primary Teachers

IN THE CLASS & ON THE PITCH: HOW TO USE GAA CROSS-CURRICULAR RESOURCES

Including the launch of new GAA resources

**WEDNESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2020
3:15 - 3:45PM**

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