



# Gaelscoil an Chaistil

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A thuismitheoir, a chara,

Tá súil agam agus ag m'fhoireann go bhfuil gach duine agaibh slán sábháilte. Cnóthaíonn muid na páistí agus sibh féin agus is dócha go gcnóthnaíonn na páistí a gcuid cairde ar scoil.

Ó druideadh na scoileanna, d'uaslochtaigh muid neart áiseanna ar an suíomh Idirlíne agus ar an leathanach Ghnúisleabhair. Tá súil againn go mbíonn siad úsáideach duit. Ina theannta sin, thug muid seoltaí ríomhphoist na múinteoirí dóibh sa dóigh is go raibh bealach agat chun teagmháil a dhéanamh leis na múinteoirí aonarach agus chun ceisteanna agus smaointe a phlé leo. Tá a fhios agam gur bhain cuid agaibh úsáid as an deis sin agus tá súil agam go raibh sé tairbheach.

Tá muid chun cur leis an teagmháil sin anois agus dóigh a thabhairt do pháistí tráchtanna a chur dá chéile agus dá múinteoirí. Thosaigh Ráichéal ag baint úsáide as Seesaw leis na páistí naíscoil agus tá Pádraigín anois chun é sin a thosú le Rang 1 agus 2. Caithfidh tú ríomhphost a chur chuig Ráichéal nó chuig Pádraigín chun cód lógála a fháil. Le haghaidh Rang 3 go 7, tá muid chun Google Classroom a thosú. Is féidir leis na páistí lógáil isteach air seo iad féin agus gheobhaidh tú a thuilleadh treoracha thíos. Gheobhaidh tú ríomhphostanna na múinteoirí ag bun na litreach agus is féidir teagmháil a dhéanamh leo ar an dóigh sin chomh maith.

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My staff and I hope that everyone is safe and well. We miss the children and yourselves and we're sure that the children miss their friends from school.

From the schools closed, we have uploaded various resources onto the website and onto our Facebook page. We hope that you find these useful. Additionally, we sent you email addresses for the teachers so that you could contact them with questions and ideas. I know that some of you have used this method of contact and I hope that it has been beneficial.

We are going to extend that contact now and give the children a way to forward comments to each other and to their teachers. Ráichéal began using Seesaw with our naíscoil children and Pádraigín will begin trialling this now with Rang 1 and 2. You'll need to email Ráichéal or Pádraigín for the login code. For Rang 3 to 7, we're going to begin using Google Classroom. Children can log into this themselves and you can find more details below. I am including the teachers' emails at the bottom of the letter and you can use these to contact them as well.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

**Bridín**

*Google Classroom is a safe online environment in which our Rang 3 to 7 pupils can communicate with each other and with their teachers. There will be no pressure on children to send work or photos of their activities, but those who wish to do so can. We want our school community to feel connected and feel that this will help when the time comes to be together again. We hope that you will find it easy to access but please contact us if you have difficulty.*

*Please find attached instructions for accessing **Google Classroom through the C2K My School system**, which the children use in school. This is the best platform for accessing Google Classroom because it provides the best online security. The Google Classroom is monitored and the children need to understand that their online activity and comments will be monitored. An e-Safety chat with your child regarding the correct online etiquette may be needed before they begin posting. This is really important and something parents need to particularly do at this time.*

*Children need to use their c2K username and password for these. Rang 7 already have their passwords and those for Rang 3 to 6 were uploaded onto the school website alongside my letter of 8 April. Most passwords are the same but note that not all are. I had checked all the passwords at the start of April, so they should be working but if, at any stage, you need to change your child's password, follow this link – <https://services.c2kni.net/ums>. Each class teacher will monitor the Classroom during school hours and are all looking forward to finding out how our children are getting on.*

Please forward your email to your child's teacher, so that they can continue to suggest ideas for learning, specific to your child's age. The email addresses are as follows:

Ráicheál – [rmhicniocaill105@c2kni.net](mailto:rmhicniocaill105@c2kni.net) – please contact Ráicheál for the link to Seesaw

Pádraigín – [pnieithir712@c2kni.net](mailto:pnieithir712@c2kni.net) – please contact Pádraigín for the link to Seesaw

Seanán – [snicbhloscaidh148@c2kni.net](mailto:snicbhloscaidh148@c2kni.net)

Bridín – [ouieigeartaigh282@c2kni.net](mailto:ouieigeartaigh282@c2kni.net)

Grace – [gmhicmhaolain480@c2kni.net](mailto:gmhicmhaolain480@c2kni.net)

### **Rang 3 to 7 Pupils Accessing Google Classroom from Home**

Start a Search for MySchool and logon to MySchool using your username and password:

**Eg: Username: hhenry100 and Password: ??????????**

When you reach your Homepage, click on Google Classroom

You may now be asked to type in another username and password.

**BE CAREFUL here** ... you must use this format for your username:

Username: [hhenry100@c2ken.net](mailto:hhenry100@c2ken.net)

Password: ????????? (same as school password)

If you do this correctly, you should be able to access your Google Classroom.

Under the + symbol at the top right of the page, you have an option to JOIN. Select this and use the Class Code to access the correct classroom. Once in the classroom you can use the tabs at the top to navigate your way in the room.

**Have fun in your VLE (Virtual Learning Environment).**

**Stay safe and remember to always THINK BEFORE YOU CLICK.**