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## DEIS Action Planning 2023 - 2025

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Dear Parent / Guardian,

Scoil Náisiúnta Loch Guir became a DEIS (Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools) school at the beginning of 2022/23 academic year. The program aims to maximize the chances of every child getting the best possible opportunity to fulfil their potential.

Being a DEIS school enables the school to receive funding for 'The School Meals Programme', an initiative the school has been running since December 2022, and funding to invest in other DEIS areas such as:

1. Attendance
2. Retention
3. Partnerships
4. Transitions
5. Literacy
6. Numeracy

All DEIS schools are required to develop a 3 year action plan for each of the above domains. The Board of Management of Scoil Náisiúnta Loch Guir agreed a timeline for the completion of these plans and to notify parents of the general targets contained within each plan. The targets in each of the six areas are as follows:

**Attendance:**

- Develop and implement a whole school approach for recording attendance and monitoring part day absences/attendance for repeated patterns
- Increase overall attendance from 89% in the 2021/2022 academic year to 93% by June 2025
- Address cases of poor attendance as they occur as per TUSLA pre-referral checklist

**Retention**

- Maintain the number of pupils attending Scoil Náisiúnta Loch Guir to 6<sup>th</sup> Class at 100%
- Review, develop and implement a whole school approach to the promotion of positive behaviour across the school from Junior Infants to 6<sup>th</sup> class.
- Promote a positive attitude to school and develop children's social and creative skills through the provision of active / creative learning opportunities

**Partnerships**

- Re-establish the parent association within our school to promote parental involvement and parent voice with a focus on our target families.
- Streamline and increase communication across the school with our parent community and Board of Management

**Transitions**Transition to Secondary School

- Ensure the successful transition of our pupils from 6th class to secondary school through establishing and implementing a transition programme each year
- Make parents and sixth class students aware of all information received to the school from potential secondary schools
- Ensure the secondary school receives all information about pupils transferring to the school

### Transition to Primary School

- Build relationships and raise awareness about our school among families of incoming Junior infants and prospective Junior infants through organising an open day / organised events and regular communication

### **Literacy**

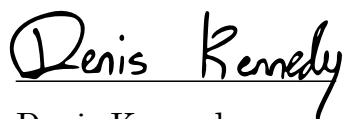
- Develop and implement a whole school approach to the explicit teaching of comprehension skills
- To increase pupils' motivation to read through whole school literacy initiatives

### **Numeracy**

- Focus on the teaching of tables to improve children's overall attainment
- Increase the number of weekly engagements that pupils have with active maths as part of their learning.

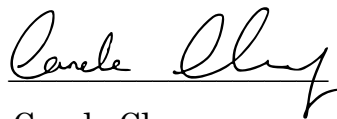
Scoil Náisiúnta Loch Guir will review the plans on a termly basis, identifying the areas where progress has been made and evaluating the effectiveness of each plan.

Le gach dea-ghuí,



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