



## Provision of Education in Ireland

Pre-school, primary, second level, special needs,  
3<sup>rd</sup> level, adult & 2<sup>nd</sup> chance

### Primary Education

- Children generally attend primary school between 4-5 years
- Not compulsory until 6 years

<b>National Schools/Gaelscoileanna</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make up majority of primary schools.</li> <li>• Owned by trusteeship of religious communities, boards of governors &amp; individuals</li> <li>• Managed by the B.O.M.</li> <li>• Mostly denominational</li> <li>• Single sex/co-educational.</li> <li>• Financed by Dept.</li> </ul>
<b>Educate Together Primary Schools</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Managed by B.O.M</li> <li>• Multidenominational</li> <li>• Co-educational</li> <li>• Financed by DES</li> </ul>
<b>Private</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Managed by B.O.M</li> <li>• Mostly denominational</li> <li>• Single sex or Co-educational</li> <li>• Not eligible to be Financed by DES to help running costs</li> </ul>

### Primary School Curriculum

- Delivered over 8 years with no formal examination at the end.
- Aims to nurture the spiritual, moral, cognitive, emotional, imaginative, social & physical needs of children so they meet the demands of life now & in the future.
- Provides a broad learning experience by offering languages (Irish & English), maths, social drama, environmental and scientific education, ICT, Arts, Music, P.E. S.P.H.E. and R.E.
- Particular emphasis on literacy & numeracy development
- Teachers are encouraged to include a variety of teaching and learning styles of individual children. Helps create an inclusive learning environment

### Educational Supports/resources available in primary schools

- Interactive whiteboards: enable teachers to encourage children to participate more in their learning.
- Laptops & tablets: allows access to educational apps and websites that can assist educational advancement. Allow kids to take control of their own learning.
- Educational psychologists: work in partnership with teachers, parents and children in identifying the educational needs of children.
- The School Book Grant Scheme.
- The Home School Community Liaison Scheme