



# Comann nam Pàrant

## Language Immersion Dos & Don'ts

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- **Do** encourage your child to watch Gaelic television, listen to Gaelic radio and make use of online resources.
- **Do** take your child to Gaelic cultural events. Take advantage of opportunities to expose him/her to the Gaelic language and culture.
- **Do not** ask your child to translate. She/he will not understand this concept in the very early years.
- **Do not** give in to the temptation to say, "Now, dear, say something in Gaelic to Granny." If your child is eager to speak Gaelic at home, encourage it, but do not make it a chore.
- **Do not** compare your child's progress with that of other children whether in Gaelic or English Medium Education. No two pupils work at the same rate.
- **Do** let your child know that you are pleased with his/her progress.
- **Do not** attempt to correct your child, if you are uncertain of the exact pronunciation or expression.
- **Do** read stories to your child in English, because English stories will not be heard at school for a time. You can fill the gap.
- **Do not** formally teach your child to read English. Your child will transfer reading skills to English automatically, once they have been mastered in Gaelic.
- **Do not** expect your child to provide you with an account of each day's activities. Children take the routines of school for granted and often want a change of subject when they reach home.
- **Do** speak positively about Gaelic, the teacher and the school. Express any questions or concerns you might have to the teacher, not to your child