

Appendix: Suggested Time Allocations⁴

The suggested time allocations comprises two categories: Minimum Curriculum Time (weekly and monthly) and Flexible Time (monthly). Minimum Curriculum Time provides a weekly minimum time allocation for Language, Mathematics, and Wellbeing and a monthly (based on a period of four weeks) minimum time allocation for Science, Technology, and Engineering Education; Social and Environmental Education; and Arts Education.

The time allocations are intended to be used flexibly, in order to embrace integrative learning, avail of unexpected learning opportunities, pace learning in response to children's needs, and support immersive and engaging learning experiences.

Stage 1 (Junior and Senior Infants)			
Weekly allocations		Monthly allocations (four weeks)	
Language <i>Language 1</i> <i>Language 2</i>	5 hours 45 minutes 3 hours 15 minutes 2 hours 30 minutes		23 hours
Mathematics	3 hours		12 hours
		Science, Technology, and Engineering Education	3 hours 20 minutes
Wellbeing	2 hours 30 minutes		10 hours
		Social and Environmental Education	6 hours
		Arts Education	9 hours
		Flexible Time	5 hours
Stage 2 (First and Second Class)			
Weekly allocations		Monthly allocations (four weeks)	
Language <i>Language 1</i> <i>Language 2</i>	7 hours 45 minutes 4 hours 45 minutes 3 hours		31 hours
Mathematics	4 hours		16 hours
		Science, Technology, and Engineering Education	4 hours
Wellbeing	3 hours		12 hours
		Social and Environmental Education	9 hours
		Arts Education	9 hours
		Flexible Time	6 hours

Stages 3 and 4 (Third to Sixth Class)

Weekly allocations		Monthly allocations (four weeks)	
Language	7 hours 45 minutes		31 hours
Language 1	3 hours 45 minutes		
Language 2	3 hours		
Language 3	1 hour		
Mathematics	4 hours		16 hours
		Science, Technology, and Engineering Education	5 hours
Wellbeing	3 hours		12 hours
		Social and Environmental Education	8 hours
		Arts Education	8 hours
		Flexible Time	7 hours

Weekly allocations

Religious/Ethical/Multi-belief, and Values Education – The Patron’s Programme	Stage 1	1 hour 40 minutes
	Stages 2 to 4	2 hours

Weekly allocations

Roll call and assembly time	1 hour 15 minutes
Breaks	50 minutes
Recreation	2 hours 30 minutes

⁴ In Irish-medium schools, gael scoileanna and Scoileanna sa Ghaeltacht, where tumoideachas (immersion) takes place in Irish, language allocations will require particular consideration. In these contexts, Irish is the medium through which the entire curriculum is accessed, apart from the English language curriculum. In order to support the acquisition of Irish the introduction of formal English learning can be delayed until first class.