



ACTIVE SCHOOL

MORE SCHOOLS, MORE ACTIVE, MORE OFTEN

GAA FOOTBALL AND HURLING



Contact Details – Schools Development

<http://learning.gaa.ie/CoachEdContacts>

PRIMARY Schools - Programmes and Resources

GAA Coaching Programme - Over 90% of schools avail of the GAA schools' coaching programme. This involves an agreement between the schools and the County Games Development Staff in each county to provide a coaching block of 8– 10 week. All lessons are designed to meet the aims of the primary school curriculum and teachers are encouraged to work together with coaches to maximise the impact for pupils. For a list of GAA Games Development staff in your county, go to <http://gaa.ie/coaching-and-games-development/contacts-and-links/>

GAA Learning and Development Community Portal - The primary school section of the website has been developed to provide better access key resources for those actively promoting and participating in Gaelic Games in the primary sector: teachers, pupils, coaches, parents and guardians. Visit learning.gaa.ie

Céim ar Aghaidh - This resource now provides teachers from 1st to 6th classes with a series of teacher notes and worksheets which allow them to incorporate the theme of the GAA through all subjects in the primary school curriculum. All resources can be downloaded at learning.gaa.ie/ceim

Fun Do Resource – This programme is designed to ensure that all players derive a sense of achievement, fun and fair play from taking part in Gaelic Games. The resource consists of booklets, DVDs and DVD-ROMs to help parents, teachers and coaches. For more details on the *Fun Do Resource* go to <http://www.gaa.ie/coaching-and-games-development/coaching-resources/>

The *Fun Do Resource* has many different elements:

- *ABC Programme* – This programme consists of fun exercises to develop movement skills for children aged 4-8 years old.
- *Have a Ball Programme* – This programme consists of fun exercises and activities for children aged 4-8 years old using a ball.
- *Coaching Classes* – This section provides children U8, U10 and U12 with a range of activities to help them become more skilful at playing Gaelic Games. There are ‘Catch and Kick’ coaching classes for football and ‘Lift and Strike’ coaching classes for hurling.
- *U Can Awards* – These are a series of skills challenges designed to assist players as they learn the skills of Gaelic Football and Hurling. There are 15 skills challenges divided up into 3 challenges over 5 star levels – 1 Star, 2 Star, 3 Star, 4 Star and 5 Star. Each star level corresponds to an age group or a class but players can progress at their own level of ability. Teachers or coaches can administer these awards.
- *Skill Star Challenges* – These are Gaelic Football and Hurling challenges aimed at children aged 13-14 years old. They are more difficult than the *U Can Awards* and provide a better measure of the type of playing demands that are experienced by this age group.

Many of the exercises on the *Fun Do Pack* are available on skill cards, downloadable at <http://gaa.ie/coaching-and-games-development/resources-and-publications/>

Go Games – These are small sided modified games with modified rules in both Hurling and Gaelic football, with an emphasis is on participation as opposed to results. Go www.gaa.ie/gogames

Respect Initiative – This aims to promote positive behaviour and to ensure that an enriching environment is provided for the promotion and development of Gaelic Games. This includes respect for and from all participants on and around the field. See <http://www.gaa.ie/youth-zone/gaa-respect-initiative/> for more details.

School Projects – GAA history, county colours and crests, cups and trophies, statistics and archive results, championship wall charts. Go to www.gaa.ie/youth-zone/school-project/

Cumann na mBunscol – This is the voluntary organisation of primary school teachers who wish to promote our native games of camogie, hurling, football, rounders, handball and athletics. Visit <http://www.cmbnaisiunta.com/> for further information.

Teacher Summer Courses www.learning.gaa.ie/TeacherSummerCourses The GAA run a number of Teacher Summer Courses on delivering the Physical Education Curriculum through Gaelic games. This includes eight 5-day face-to-face courses and two blended courses (3 days face-to-face and 2 days online)

