



# Information for parents on the new *Primary Mathematics Curriculum*



The Department of Education has published a new maths curriculum for children in primary and special schools. The curriculum sets out what children will learn in maths in every school.

## What is different and how children will learn under the new curriculum

The aim of the new curriculum is that children see maths as important and useful to their everyday lives.

It does not change much of 'what' children learn, but it improves 'how' children learn maths. This includes more learning through play and problem solving. It also provides more opportunities for children to be creative, take risks and be challenged. It gives teachers more flexibility to teach in a way that best meets the needs of each child. The following are some examples.



- Children will have a chance learn maths through play. Teachers can use games involving counting, measuring, angles and so on.
- Children can make connections between maths and other areas of learning. Some examples are the use of maths in PE or history, or Irish.
- Children are encouraged to share, reason and argue their thinking about maths.
- Children will be given more space to work with each other and discuss their ideas.
- Children will have the chance to solve real-life problems using maths.



### Supporting teachers

During this school year, teachers and principals will get to know the curriculum and might begin trying parts of it in their classrooms.



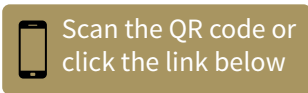
Teachers and principals will receive support in the new curriculum. The school will let parents know when this support will happen. It may mean that schools close for some or all children for a short period.



### More information

The Primary School Curriculum is changing. The *Primary Mathematics Curriculum* is another step in updating the curriculum, much of which is over 20 years old.

## Where to find more information



If you want to read more about this change, and find supports for parents, see

1. [gov.ie/primarycurriculum](http://gov.ie/primarycurriculum)
2. [ncca.ie/en/primary/resources-for-parents/](http://ncca.ie/en/primary/resources-for-parents/)



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