



School Twinning Support Pack

Ceangal eadar sgoiltean I Partneriaeth ysgolion

Connecting Gaelic-medium schools in Scotland with Welsh-medium schools in Wales

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1. Fàilte I Croeso

School twinning links two schools so pupils can learn about each other's language, culture, environment, school life and local area. This project connects Gaelic-medium schools in Scotland with Welsh-medium schools in Wales.

Schools can start with one small activity and build from there. The aim is to make the link useful, enjoyable and realistic for both schools.

2. What could a school twinning partnership look like?

There is no set format. Choose what fits your class, timetable and language confidence.

- Introduce their school and local community.
- Exchange videos, photographs, letters or presentations.
- Hold short online meetings between classes.
- Share Gaelic and Welsh words, phrases, songs, stories and traditions.
- Share *Èiceo-Sgoiltean* or *Eco-Sgolion* ideas and activities.
- Work together on a challenge and/or project.
- Explore the possibility of a visit in the future, if appropriate and manageable.

Simple pathway: First contact → introductions → small joint activity → ongoing project → longer-term partnership.



3. Getting started

You do not need a full plan before making contact. Start by agreeing a teacher contact and one simple first activity.

- Identify a teacher or coordinator.
- Identify the class or year group that will take part.
- Agree what pupils would like to learn about.
- Contact the partner school.
- Arrange an initial online meeting.
- Agree a simple first activity.
- Discuss on-going joint activity.
- Decide how pupils will communicate and share work.
- Agree a rough timeline.

4. A simple first activity: Meet Our School

Meet Our School is a quick first exchange. Each school creates a short presentation, video or set of slides.

- Where we are.
- Our school.
- Our pupils.
- Languages spoken or learned.
- Our local environment.
- Something we are proud of.
- One thing we would like to ask our partner school.

Share the presentations, then hold a short online meeting so pupils can say hello, hear the other language and ask a few questions.

5. Planning a joint project

Simple framework: Choose a theme → agree a question → collect information → share findings → create something together.

Themes could include biodiversity, litter, heritage, waste, energy, water, food growing, climate change, local landscapes, culture or sustainable travel.

Example: Both schools compare biodiversity in their school grounds. Pupils record their findings and relevant vocabulary before sharing results and creating a joint presentation, including one action that each school could try next.

6. Ideas for joint activities

Theme	Activity idea	Possible outcome
Language	Teach each other simple words and phrases for greetings, places, nature, animals and weather.	Bilingual classroom glossary, audio clips, letters or display.
Language	Record short pupil introductions in Gaelic and Welsh.	Shared video or audio exchange.
Culture and heritage	Introduce the local area and explore local place names.	Map, slideshow or place-name wall.
Culture and heritage	Share stories, music, songs, celebrations or local traditions.	Class presentation, story-sharing session or joint celebration board.
Environment and biodiversity	Compare school grounds, habitats and wildlife through photos or simple surveys.	Joint biodiversity presentation or shared photo journal.
Environment and biodiversity	Develop a small environmental challenge such as reducing waste or improving a wildlife area.	Action plan, pupil reflections or before-and-after evidence.
School life	Introduce a typical school day, school clubs, Eco-Club activities or school houses.	Exchange letters, videos or presentations about school life.

7. Useful resources

- **Keep Scotland Beautiful – Climate Action Schools:** Climate, biodiversity, litter and Gaelic resources - <https://www.KeepScotlandBeautiful.org/climate-action-schools/climate-action-schools-resources/>
- **Keep Scotland Beautiful – Eco-Schools:** Eco-Schools Scotland guidance and activities - <https://www.KeepScotlandBeautiful.org/eco-schools/>
- **Keep Wales Tidy – Eco-Schools:** Eco-Schools Wales resources and activities - <https://keepwalestidy.cymru/eco-schools/resources/>
- **Eco-Schools - Twinning:** register international collaboration activity through Eco-Schools. - <https://www.ecoschools.global/international-collaboration>