



## Schools Overview

### Primary Schools

With over 100 primary schools in Kildare the coaching & games team are an integral link between GAA life and the life of a primary school student.

-Our Club/School link initiative involves coaching in the primary school from both volunteers and full-time personnel with the onus on recruitment and retention of players for the local club/clubs.

-Our one-day 3<sup>RD</sup> class blitz days in Manguard Park Hawkfield is always a fun day out for our schools.

-Our Teacher Training Workshop gives teachers the confidence and knowhow to encourage the playing of GAA in the school setting.

-Cumann Na mBunscol Cill Dara organise competitions at primary school level in Kildare and the link to their website can be found below.

<http://www.cumannnambunscolchilldara.com/>

For more information on any of the above information please contact your respective PO or GDC in Staff info

### Secondary Schools

With 30 post primary schools in Kildare, we have various initiatives to help secondary school students on their GAA journey.

-The TY programme incorporates an Introduction to Coaching Games Module along with the option of a Go Games Referee Course. TY students are encouraged to organise and manage 1<sup>st</sup> year internal blitzes.

-County specific competitions for Senior football and hurling.

-Age specific strength & conditioning programmes for secondary school teams.

-1<sup>st</sup> year blitz days in Oct each year in both hurling and football

Secondary schools in Kildare compete in both football and hurling in various levels in Leinster Post Primary Schools competitions. These fixtures are detailed in the Leabhran Eolais 2023/24 booklet attached.

For more information in relation to secondary schools please contact your respective PO or Tadhg Fennin on [tadhg.fennin.gda.kildare@gaa.ie](mailto:tadhg.fennin.gda.kildare@gaa.ie)