

Accommodation

There are 30 *tithe lóistín* that accommodate students for *Coláiste Lurgan*. There are on average 11 students in each *teach lóistín* and on average three students to a room. Almost all beds are bunkbeds. Students are accommodated according to their age. *Coláiste Lurgan* is very fortunate in the high quality of accommodation and care given by our *mná tí*.

The accommodation aspect of *Coláistí Gaeilge* is overseen by *Roinn Ealaíon, Cultúir agus Gaeltachta*. *Coláiste Lurgan* may only use houses that have been vetted and sanctioned by inspectors of this Government Department, who also set the number of students that may be accommodated in each individual *teach lóistín*. *Tithe lóistín* are regularly checked by department inspectors during courses.

Roinn Ealaíon, Cultúir agus Gaeltachta insist on compliance with the following criteria from *tithe lóistín* who participate in *Scéim na bhFoghlaimoirí Gaeilge*.

- *Gaeilge* must be the normal language of communication of each member of the household that participates in the scheme.
- The *bean a' tí* and family members develop a friendly welcoming relationship with students that is conducive to helping students practice their *Gaeilge* in a natural and informal setting.
- The *bean a' tí* acts in "loco parentis" of the students staying in her care for the duration of the course.
- There is a minimum of 300 cubic feet per student in bedrooms and there is adequate provision for storing clothes.
- There is a toilet and bath / shower for each 12 students and enough hot water. (*This ratio may soon be adjusted to 10*)
- There is a wash hand basin for every 6 students in a *teach lóistín*.

Other conditions agreed between *bean a' tí* and the *coláiste* include:

- An agreed menu (*copy included in this booklet*)
- Bed-linen to be changed once during course.
- Fire alarms installed in appropriate places.

While in the *teach lóistín* students are required to:

- Follow the directions of the *Bean a' tí* at all times.
- Keep out of other students' bedrooms.
- Keep their own rooms neat and tidy.
- Participate in wash-up rotas.
- Extinguish lights by 11:15p.m. nightly.