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***School self –evaluation is about ensuring quality and improvement in the teaching and learning processes***

(Hoffman et al 2009).

All schools in Ireland are required to engage in a continuous school self-evaluation process. School self-evaluation (SSE) is a collaborative, inclusive, reflective process of internal school review. It is an evidence-based approach, which involves the gathering of information from a range of sources, and making judgements with a view to bringing about improvements in pupils' learning.

When engaging in school self-evaluation the school reflects on its aims, considers criteria for success within the school's context and ethos, and determines methods for judging the quality of educational provision in the school.

In 2017, in line with the Department of Education and Skills' publication 'Looking at Our Schools 2016: A Quality Framework for Primary Schools', a school self-evaluation of teaching and learning was undertaken in St Fiachra's SNS. The initial focus of our evaluation was Physical Education, about which you are all aware. This culminated in the school being awarded the Active Flag and Five Star Flag in June 2019. From January 2020, the staff has been engaged in revising our targets for the next year and our evaluation work continues.

Our focus since September 2019 is Gaeilge Neamhfhoirmiúil agus Labhairt. To date, our pupils have been engaging with this on a daily basis.