

**Child Protection Seminar provided by the  
Professional Development Service for Teachers (PDST)**

**Full Day Inservice**

**Re: Child Protection Guidelines and Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools**

12<sup>th</sup> January 2012

Dear Principal,

***Children First, National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children, 2011*** was issued by the Department of Children and Youth Affairs in July 2011. In September 2011 the DES issued revised ***Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools***, in addition to Circular 0065/2011 outlining the Child Protection requirements for schools.

PDST are now providing a one day Child Protection seminar at Mayo Education Centre. The purpose of the seminar is to provide a brief update of the revised Children First and DES Procedures. Attendance at **the seminar is limited to Designated Liaison Persons (or Deputy DLPs) who have been appointed since 2009**. Teacher Education Section will provide funding for substitution cover for attendance at the Child Protection seminars by **Designated Liaison Persons (or Deputy DLPs) who have been appointed since 2009**. The substitution arrangement is subject to review, so **early booking is strongly advised**.

The content of the day-long seminar will be based on the DES Child Protection documents and will include the key information and updated requirements for schools in the area of Child Protection. We would strongly encourage attendance of all DLPs who have been appointed to this role since 2009. In the event of the newly appointed DLP being unable to attend, the Deputy DLP (appointed since 2009) may attend in his/her place.

<b>Child Protection Full-Day Seminar</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2012</b>
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>Mayo Education Centre</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>9.15am – 3.15pm</b>

Seminar participants should bring the school's copy of the *Children First National Guidance 2011* (issued to schools in September 2011) and the *DES Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools* to the seminar - the latter is available online at [http://www.education.ie/servlet/blobServlet/cp\\_procedures\\_primary\\_post\\_primary\\_2011.pdf](http://www.education.ie/servlet/blobServlet/cp_procedures_primary_post_primary_2011.pdf)

In addition to the availability of substitution cover for this seminar day, a travel allowance of €0.1692 per km will be paid to teachers whose return journey to the venue is greater than 32km from home or school, whichever is nearer to the venue. Please complete the attached booking form and return to Mayo Education Centre no later than **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2012** to book your place on this course.

**Please note that the day-long seminar is only available to newly appointed DLPs (or Deputy DLPs) appointed since 2009.**

Yours sincerely,

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