



Child Protection Whole-Staff PLE – School FAQ

1. Who attends the Child Protection (CP) Whole-Staff PLE?

This whole-staff day is for teaching and certain categories of non-teaching staff - SNAs, School Transport Escorts, Secretaries and Caretakers.

2. Do schools register staff in advance of the PLE?

All current teaching staff should be registered individually at Oide Schools Registration. Numbers of non-teaching staff only should be entered in the applicable boxes in the School Details section of Oide Schools Registration.

3. Will lunch be provided as part of the CP School Closure Day?

For School Closure Days held in local education support centres, lunch will be provided. Schools receiving their closure date onsite will organise their own catering with a lunch allowance allocated. The Education Support Centre will share the details with applicable schools.

4. What should staff bring to their CP School Closure Day?

Staff do not need to bring any materials with them on the assigned date. However, schools may wish to bring copies of Child Protection Procedures for Schools 2025 and associated booklets as distributed by the DEY recently. If participants wish to access them online throughout the PLE, please bring a fully charged device so you can access the documents. The Child Protection Procedures can be accessed [here](#), and the relevant booklets can be accessed [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).

5. Will our staff receive certificates of attendance for the whole-staff PLE?

Certificates of attendance will not be issued. Attendance of staff, and the recording of same, is the responsibility of school management.



6. Can schools reschedule the date they receive for their School Closure Day?

Due to the large number of schools, the number of full-day PLE events, as well as scheduling permutations, a school's closure date is fixed. If your school encounters exceptional circumstances, please contact primaryoidereg@oide.ie

7. Can schools assigned to clusters in Education Support Centres change their assigned cluster?

Schools have been allocated specific clusters to ensure the availability of an Oide PLL for facilitating the closure. There is no flexibility to change clusters.

8. If a teacher is absent on the day of their school closure, what do they do?

Oide can only facilitate staff at their assigned school closure day. Further CP PLE will be available at a later date, and schools will be notified in advance.

9. Who do shared teachers attend with?

It is recommended that teachers who are shared/working between schools attend the School Closure Day with their Base school (the school they are registered with on Oide Schools Registration).

10. Do both teachers job sharing attend? Does the person who should not be working get a "Day in Lieu"?

In Service/school planning days for job sharing teachers are dealt with in the 'Terms and Conditions of Employment for Registered Teachers in Primary and Post Primary Schools'. (Chapter 9)

- a. Job sharing teachers in primary schools who are required to attend courses/school planning days on days they are not due to teach shall be granted leave in lieu of such days. Leave in lieu will not be granted where the teacher's attendance on such days is part of the additional hours' commitment under the current Public Service Agreements.
- b. Where leave in lieu is to be granted, confirmation of attendance at the course/school planning day should be submitted in writing to the employer for input on the OLCS/ relevant ETB system. Substitution for such days is not paid by the Department/ETB.