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Droichead Information Session for Principals - Primary

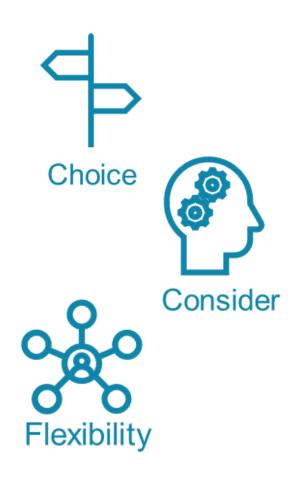
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Your Learning, Your Way





- Multi-modal engagement options written, audio, visual
- A variety of participation opportunities writing, speaking, typing, use of Zoom functions, annotating etc.
- Activities offering choice and flexibility individual, pairs, small groups

If there is anything we can do to enhance your learning experience today, please let us know



Initialisms/Acronyms



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NQT: Newly Qualified Teacher

PST: Professional Support Team

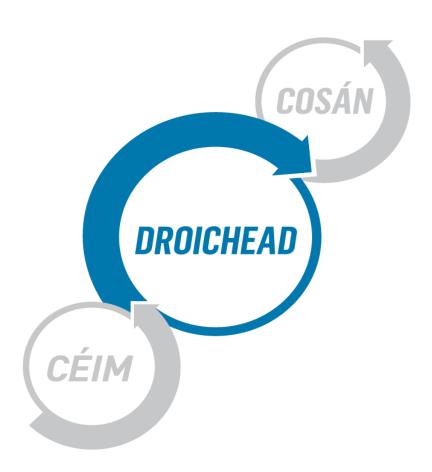
PLL: Professional Learning Leader

HEI: Higher Education Institution

ITE: Initial Teacher Education

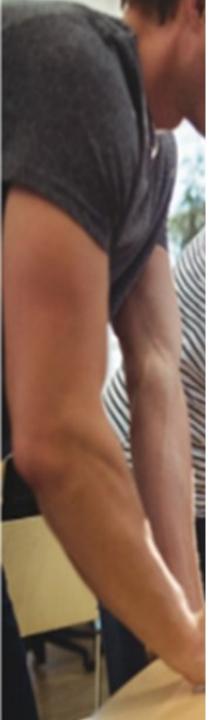
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Today...



Droichead Overview

Roles and Expectations

A Quality Induction Process

Record-keeping and Concluding the Process

Questions and Supports



Over to you...







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(Teaching Council, 2017 p.7)

The Principal's Role at Different Stages of the Droichead Process How can I foster a learning culture in which Droichead can flourish... Before... After... During...



Section 1: Droichead Overview

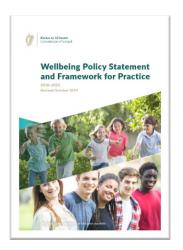


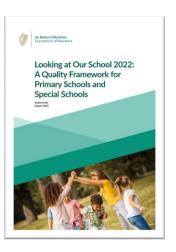


Flagging the Connections



- Wellbeing Policy Statement and Framework for Practice 2018 2023
- Looking At Our School 2022
- Circular 0044/2019: Distributed Leadership
- Cosán: Framework for Teachers' Learning 2016









The Welcoming Classroom: Resources for Newly Qualified Primary Teachers

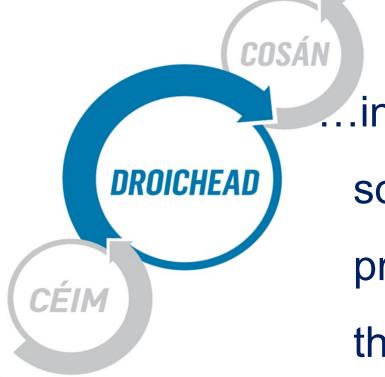


- Bí Cineálta Procedures to Prevent and Address Bullying Behaviour for Primary and Post-primary Schools
- NCCA SPHE/RSE Toolkit
- www.webwise.ie
- Respect Creating a Welcoming and Positive School Climate to Prevent Homophobic and Transphobic Bullying
- Show Racism the Red Card
- www.tacklebullying.ie
- FUSE Anti-bullying and Online Safety Programme

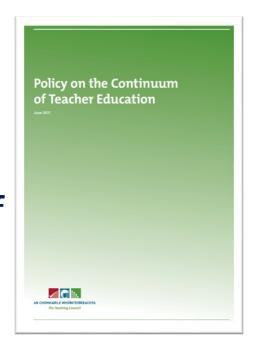


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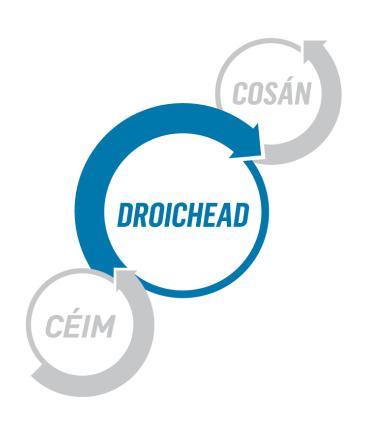


...induction is a distinct phase, a socialisation process into the professional learning community of the school and into the profession...



The Integrated Professional Induction Framework

The main objective of the Droichead process is to support the professional learning of NQTs during the induction phase, thus laying the foundations for subsequent professional growth and learning for the next phase of their career



Teaching Council: Droichead Condition



NQTs should remain

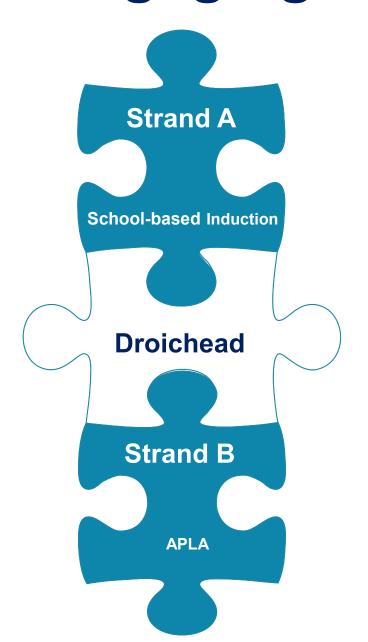
in the same setting

Droichead

- ✓ Complete a period of professional practice in an eligible setting for the duration of their Droichead process
 - Contract/offer of employment of 60 days or more in the same setting
 - ✓ Job-sharing contract for the full academic year or a contract of 12.5 hours min per week for the full academic year
- ✓ Engage in the Droichead process:
 - Strand A: School-based Induction
 - Strand B: Cluster Meetings and Additional Professional Learning Activity
- ✓ Joint declaration by the NQT and PST that:
 - ✓ through our engagement in Droichead, we believe we have participated in a quality teaching and learning process

Engaging in the Droichead Process





Strand A: School-based Induction

Professional Support Team (PST)

Professional Conversations

Observation and Discussion

Professional Learning Activities

Records

Taisce: Portfolio-based Learning





Strand B: Additional Professional Learning Activities

- Cluster Meetings
- One Other Professional Learning Activity

Taisce: Portfolio-based Learning

Droichead Standards

Droichead Standards



The NQT will...

Have engaged professionally with school-based induction and additional professional learning activities

Have shown
their professional
commitment to quality
teaching and learning
for their
pupils/students

Have engaged in reflective practice that supports their professional learning and practice, both individually and collaboratively



Section 2: Roles and Responsibilities (**)



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Droichead Induction Division



Induction Workshops

A suite of workshops available to NQTs to support their professional learning and practice

Professional Learning

Opportunities for PSTs and NQTs to engage in professional learning and share experiences of Droichead

Droichead

Supporting school-based induction

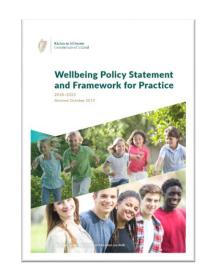
Website

A source of information, resources and supports available to PSTs and NQTs in English and Irish

oide.ie/droichead/home/

School Support Service

Telephone, email, virtual and onsite supports offered by the Droichead Induction Division







Professional Support Team (PST)



Supporting an NQT through Droichead is always a **collaborative** process as the PST:

- guides and advises the NQT during school-based induction, in the first stages of their professional journey
- forms a joint declaration with the NQT that they have participated in a quality teaching and learning process



Droichead - Roles and Responsibilities







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Droichead - PST and NQT Roles and Responsibilities - Primary

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The main objective of the Droichead process is to support the professional learning of NQTs during the induction phase, thus laying the foundations for subsequent professional growth and learning for the next phase of their career.

(Teaching Council, 2017, p. 3)

Droichead and the PST - Role and Suggested Responsibilities

Supporting an NQT through Droichead is always a collaborative process. The dual role of the PST is to:

- guide and advise the NQT during school-based induction, in the first stages
 of their professional journey
- form a joint declaration with the NQT that they have participated in a quality teaching and learning process.

(Teaching Council 2017)

PST Suggested Responsibilities

Supporting a NQT during Droichead is always a collaborative process, although the roles and responsibilities of PST members may vary in different school contexts and are therefore agreed before the Droichead process commences.

(Teaching Council, 2017, p. 3)

To guide a PST in its roles, some suggested responsibilities are identified below. The list is neither exhaustive nor prescriptive and is open to customisation by a PST. While responsibilities relating to support and mentoring relate to all team members, a PST may designate some of the other responsibilities to identified individuals within the team.

The PST will share its roles and agreed responsibilities with the NQT at their initial meeting.

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PST Models



Internal Model

External PST Member

Inter-school PST

Professional Support Team Training Overview



Day 1

Unit 1: Introduction to Droichead

Unit 2: Understanding and Working with the NQT

Unit 3: PST Skills Development

Unit 4: Working as a PST

Day 2

Unit 5: Droichead Standards and Induction Activities - Making the Connections

Unit 6: Preparation for Teaching and Learning (for the NQT)

Unit 7: Classroom Observation 1

Unit 8: From Theory to Practice

Day 3

Unit 9: Classroom Management and Organisation (for the NQT)

Unit 10: Classroom Observation 2

Unit 11: Record Keeping and Concluding the Process

Unit 12: Professional Conversations for Challenging Situations

PST Members

- ✓ Fully registered with TC
- ✓ Fully trained PST member
- ✓ Statement issued
- ✓ Eligible to sign Form D
- Min. of 2 PST members to commence and support the Droichead process





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CERTIFICATE

This certificate is presented to

Joe Bloggs

Teaching Council Number: 000000 School Roll Number: 000000

Droichead Professional Support Team Training - Primary

Droichead Induction Division

Organiser

01.09.2023

Date of Completion

Over to You... Forming Your Professional Support Team

Members of the PST should be:

- fully registered with the Teaching Council
- ideally teaching for five years or more
- committed to high standards of professional practice and conduct

effective communicators



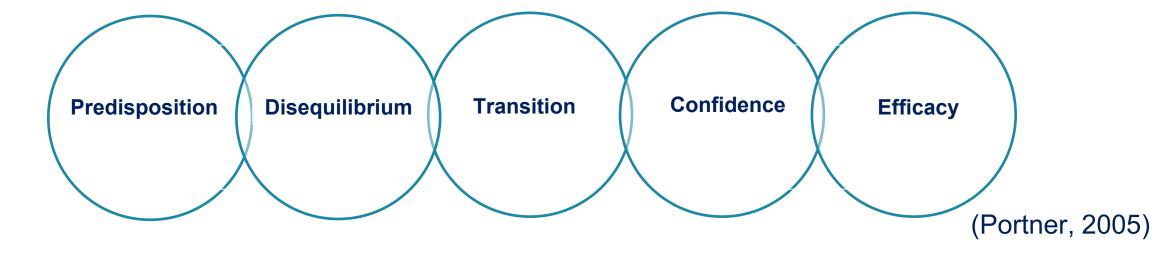


Mentoring/PST Skills



Mentoring requires intelligence, sensitivity, experience, and hard work. It requires several kinds of knowledge - thorough knowledge of subject matter; knowledge of how to represent ideas in understandable ways; knowledge of adult learners and how they learn; and an understanding of how teachers can

support the NQT's induction process





NQTs' Role and Responsibilities



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Complete and submit Form D

Familiarise themselves with the Droichead process

Engage professionally in Strand A Engage professionally in Strand B

Apply to commence the Droichead process in agreement with the PST

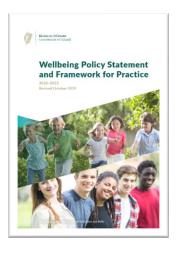


Role and Responsibilities of All Teachers



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- Share information about the school's context, systems and initiatives
- Facilitate an observation by the NQT
- Share experience and expertise
- Encourage engagement in the social dimension of school life





Principal's Role



As a leader of learning in the school, the principal, while not necessarily involved in the Droichead process, fosters a learning culture in which Droichead can flourish, and supports the PST in facilitating a quality induction process



The Principal's Role in Fostering a Culture of Learning in which Droichead can Flourish: Some Suggestions

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- · Principals who participated in previous Droichead Information Sessions for Principals contributed the following suggestions
- Principals engaged in collaborative reflection on 'fostering a learning culture in which Droichead can flourish' and offered suggestions
 around supporting the PST in facilitating a quality induction process
- Please note some light editing was undertaken to facilitate comprehension

Feedback from collaborative reflection on 'fostering a learning culture in which Droichead can flourish'

- . Building on the school's existing culture which supports learning by all pupils, staff and principal
- Consensus/buy-in from staff
- Ctaff CDD comes from staff
- Introduction and understanding of what's involved
- Investment (in staff
- Time
- Affirm needs and benefits
- · Teachers working together / staff collaboration
- Regular review
- Needs a leade
- Be positive about Droichead creating a positive culture around it



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Section 3: A Quality Induction Process



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Droichead - Key Steps





Droichead - Key Steps - Primary

Preparing for a Newly Qualified Teacher (NQT)

1. Registering and Training

- Select the Professional Support Team (PST) members
- Register for training: aine.kilbride@oide.ie
- . The PST attend training with the Oide Droichead Induction Team

2. Planning the process

- Initial PST meeting/s: See Sample Agenda
- Agree PST and NQT responsibilities
- · Finalise indicators and school context examples to support the Droichead Standards and InductionPlan
- Prepare a draft Droichead Outline Plan (as per policy)
- Finalise Welcome Pack
- Begin to formulate <u>Induction Policy</u>
- Arrange presentation to whole staff

Engaging in the process with an NQT

3. Activating the process

NQT applies online via www.teachingcouncil.ie to commence the Droichead process. The NQT provides the school's PST with a copy of the confirmation email received from the Teaching Council. The Droichead process begins upon receipt of this email and when a minimum of two PST members have fully completed the first two days of PST Training.

4. Beginning the process

The PST arranges an initial meeting with NQT: see Sample Agenda

5. During the process

The PST and the NQT use the Droichead standards to guide the process. The PST arranges regular meetings and professional conversations for the PST themselves, as well as for the PST with the NQT and these should include quarterly reviews. The NQT may select relevant items from their Taisce as a focus for the professional conversations, which are central to the Droichead process.

In collaboration with the NQT, the PST provides appropriate induction activities in line with the NQT's emerging needs, including the aforementioned professional conversations. The PST and NQT maintain records of the school-based induction activities. The PST liaises with the Oide Droichead Induction Division via the school's nominated Link Person.

NQTs engage in one cluster meeting per term. Cluster Meetings will be available as per the Droichead Cluster Meeting Calendar. This should be read in tandem with Cluster Meetings: Important Information and Attendance Protocols which includes a link to register. NQTs should also engage in one other professional learning activity, identified by themselves in accordance with their professional learning needs, in consultation with the PST.

6. Concluding the process

NQT and PST have a professional conversation nearing the conclusion of the process. NQT downloads Form D by logging into the portal on the Teaching Council website. The Joint Declaration (included on Form D) is signed by the NQT and the PST members who supported the NQT during the process. Form D is then reuploaded in its entirety (all 5 pages) to the portal by the NQT. Having reviewed Form D, the Teaching Council will then remove the Droichead condition from the teacher's registration. It is recommended that the Principal and the PST, with input from the NQT/s, review the Droichead processwith a view to enhancing the process (if required) for the next year.



Droichead Outline Plan - Sample







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Droichead - Outline Plan (Sample Calendar) - Primary - 2024.2025

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Sample Induction Activities

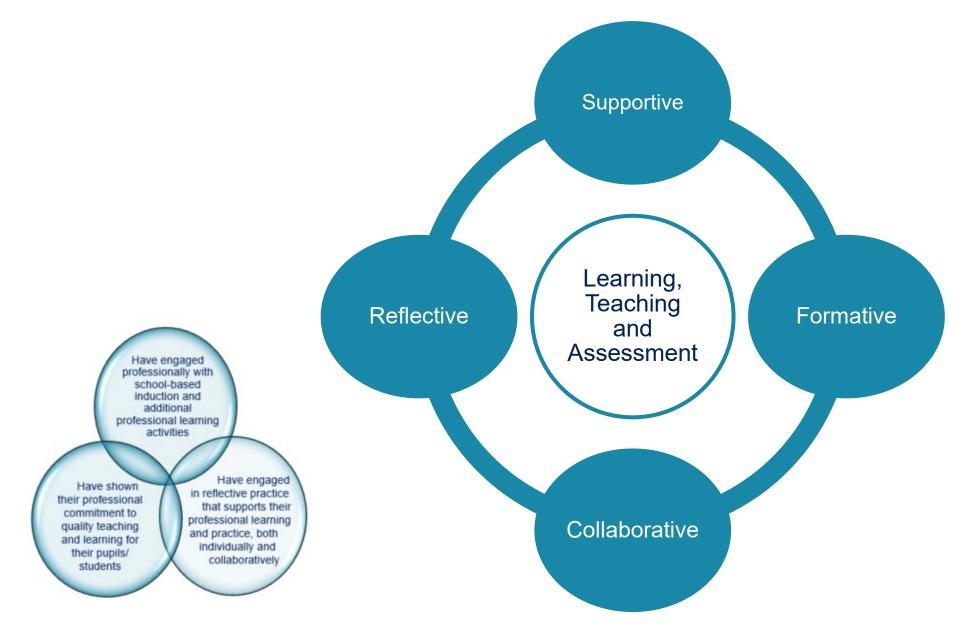


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- Meetings with PST member(s)
- Support session with school admin personnel e.g. using Aladdin
- Observation of experienced teacher teaching NQT's class
- Observation of experienced teacher teaching another class
- Meeting with SET
- Preparation for teaching, learning and assessment
- Coaching in specific methodologies/programmes
- Co-teaching lesson and collaborative reflection
- NQT is observed by PST
- Sharing and discussion of the Plean Scoile, school policies, etc.

Observation and Discussion





Droichead Observation Model



NQT Observes Experienced Teacher PST Observes NQT

Minimum of 2 observations of the NQT

Only trained PST members should engage in Droichead observations

Preobservation Preparation

Observation



Minimum of 2 observations by the NQT

Induction Release Time



Droichead process release time for schools with NQT/s

Number of NQTs undertaking Droichead	In-school release time available to schools per academic year (Days)
0	0
1	4
2-4	5
5-6	6
7+	7

- Limited discretionary time contact primarydroicheadsupport@oide.ie
- External PST Member release time refer to FAQs
- Release days claimed through OLCS: 'Teacher Induction'
- Sample timetables on our website

Section 4: Record-keeping and Concluding the Process





Record-keeping Considerations



- Ethical considerations
- Privacy of others
- Confidentiality of information
- School's data protection policy
- Storage

Record-keeping: Suggested Records (i) Oide





Professional Support Team (PST)	Newly Qualified Teacher (NQT)
Droichead Key Steps as a "roadmap" of the process	
Copy of Confirmation Email (Approval to commence Droichead email from TC)	Copy of Confirmation Email (Approval to commence Droichead email from TC)
Droichead Outline Plan [as per Droichead policy]	Droichead Outline Plan [as per Droichead policy]
e.g. initial meeting with NQT; records of professional conversations, quarterly reviews; meeting to conclude the process	Each Meeting: agenda/minutes e.g. initial meeting with NQT; records of professional conversations, quarterly reviews; meeting to conclude the process
Droichead Standards and Induction Plan document Post-Observation Records	The Induction Records • Droichead Standards and Induction Plan document • Post-Observation Records
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Copy of Form D (prior to the NQT submitting it to the Teaching Council)	Copy of Form D (prior to the NQT submitting it to the Teaching Council)





Outcome A



Joint declaration is signed by the NQT and PST... that through our engagement in Droichead, we believe we have engaged in a quality teaching and learning process



Form D is completed and shared (by the NQT) with the Teaching Council



Ideally the support process continues for the duration of the NQT's tenure in the school

Completing the Online Form D



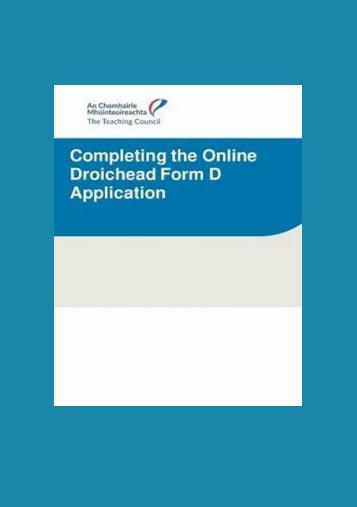






Completing the Online Form D





Form Ds must be completed accurately

Falsification of information is taken very seriously by the Teaching Council

The Teaching Council conducts a thorough review of all Form Ds received

PST members receive an email from the Teaching Council once the Droichead condition has been removed from an NQT's registration



Outcome B



Joint declaration by NQT and PST is not signed



Re-engage with the Oide Droichead Induction

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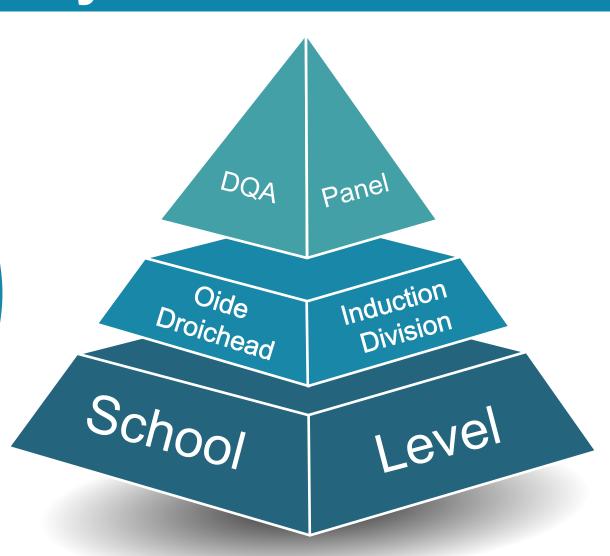


Additional time to facilitate further support may be needed

Consistency and Quality Assurance



'A number of mechanisms are in place to assure the quality and consistency of the Droichead process nationally'













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The Principal's Role in Fostering a Culture of Learning in which Droichead can Flourish: Some Suggestions

"As a leader of learning in the school, the principal, while not necessarily involved in the Droichead process, fosters a learning culture in which Droichead can flourish, and supports the PST in facilitating a quality induction process" (Teaching Council 2017, p.7)

- · Principals who participated in previous Droichead Information Sessions for Principals contributed the following suggestions
- Principals engaged in collaborative reflection on 'fostering a learning culture in which Droichead can flourish' and offered suggestions around supporting the PST in facilitating a quality induction process
- Please note some light editing was undertaken to facilitate comprehension

Feedback from collaborative reflection on 'fostering a learning culture in which Droichead can flourish'

- . Building on the school's existing culture which supports learning by all pupils, staff and principal
- · Consensus/buy-in from staff
- Staff CPD comes from staff
- Introduction and understanding of what's involved
- Investment (in staff)
- Time
- Affirm needs and benefits
- Teachers working together / staff collaboration
- Regular review
- Needs a leader
- · Be positive about Droichead creating a positive culture around it



Section 5: In Conclusion





Benefits of the Droichead Process



PST Members

- 98% of PST members reported that involvement in Droichead led to additional skill development
- 100% of the respondents stated that they had a positive relationship with their NQTs
- PST members stated that the
 Droichead process was of high quality
 and that they felt very
 included in the process

Principals

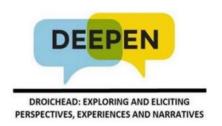
- 96% of school leaders report a high level of skill development through engagement with the Droichead process
- Most frequently mentioned skills:
 - Leadership skills 73 %
 - Communication skills 58%
 - Teamwork − 55%

Benefits of the Droichead Process: NQTs



'I had an amazing PST who made me feel supported and treated me as a professional.' 'I developed through observation of others and on-hand constructive feedback from the PST.' 'It's great to get feedback from other teachers that doesn't involve grading. It is very positive.'

'My PST members encouraged me to teach to my style and I felt supported to do my best.' 'My PST gave me
lots of support
throughout the year
leading to a positive
year of learning for
me.'



(Uí Choistealbha and Ní Dhuinn 2021)



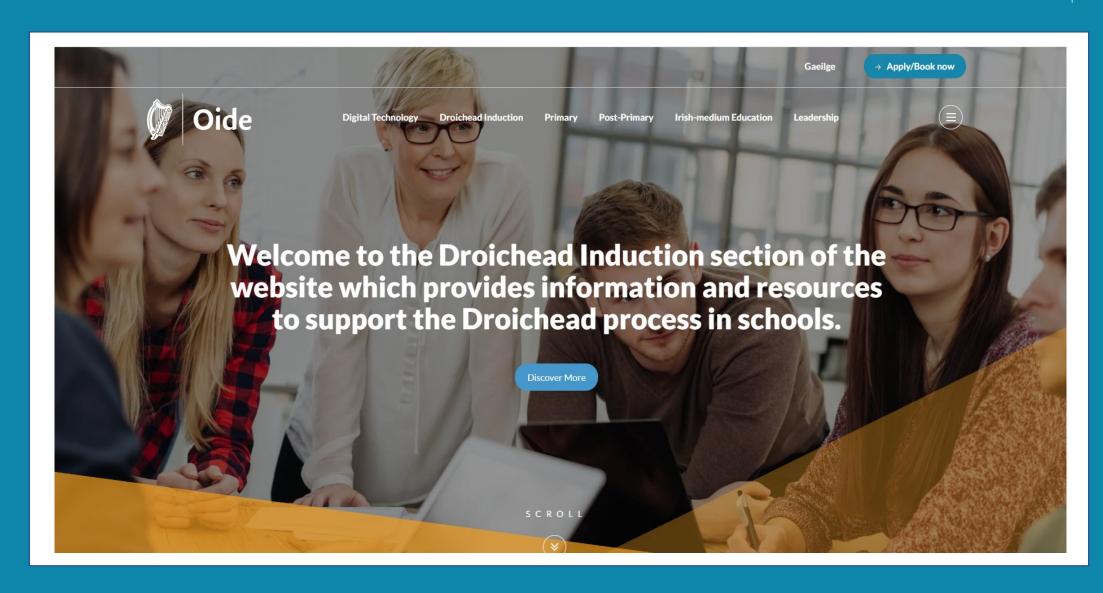
To ask for is a sign of strength...



- www.oide.ie/droichead/home (online induction supports)
- www.teachingcouncil.ie (registering for the process)
- If you require support, please email primarydroicheadsupport@oide.ie
- conditions@teachingcouncil.ie (teacher registration queries)
- Folláine le Chéile: 1800 411 057 24 hours/365 days Text 'Hi' to 087 1452056 and request a call back
- NQTs are advised to consult official websites/channels only for information where possible e.g https://oide.ie/droichead/home/ or www.teachingcouncil.ie

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