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Oide Supports for DEIS Plus

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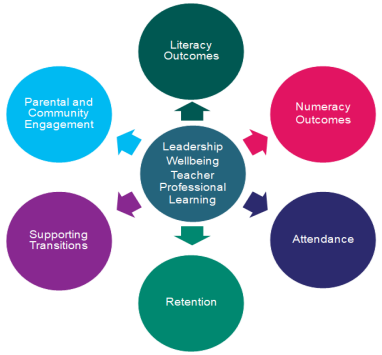
Action Planning for Improvement





Professional Learning Communities for DEIS Plus Schools

- Four 90-minute online sessions in cluster groups – Nov, Jan, March and May
- Focused on enhancing “Literacy Outcomes” theme in DEIS Action Planning for Improvement
- One school leader per school to attend
- Balance of input and opportunities to share practice
- Tasks to complete between sessions
- Oide will contact schools via email





Oide Elective Professional Learning Experiences

In school sustained support:

- Contextually based school support for DEIS plus planning.
- Planning over a series of engagements
- Apply through Oide.ie/schools
- Portal will open before the end of September

Oide Elective Professional Learning Experiences

Face to Face PLE

- **Fostering a… …chools**

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- **Team Teac… …meeting the needs of chi… …pport**
- **English as an Additional Language**

Traveller and Roma Cultural Awareness

Online PLE

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Considering Role, Context and Next Steps

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Oide Session Outcomes

- Understand the purpose of the PMHW Coordinator role.
- Analyse wellbeing strengths and priorities within our own school contexts.
- Develop a shared vision for the role of PMHW Coordinator within our school.
- Identify small number of high impact priorities for action.
- Commit to next steps.

The Role of the PMHWC

If this role is bringing about improvements in your school 12 months from now…



What would you see?



What would it sound like?



How would it feel?

Role of PMHWC & Action Planning

Dedicated post for DEIS Plus schools

Supports development, coordination and implementation of whole school approach to wellbeing

Universal and targeted actions align to priorities in action plan for improvement



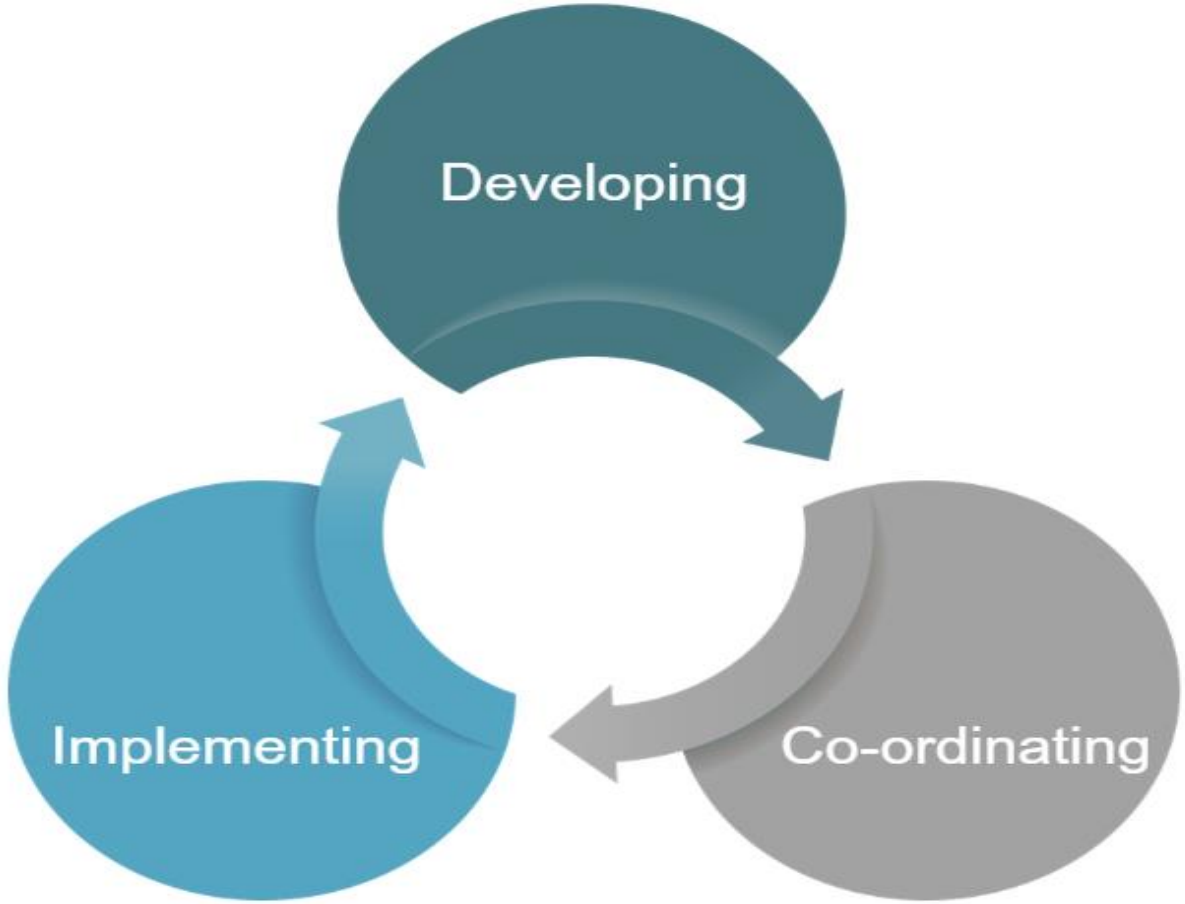
The Role of PMHW Coordinator

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The role exists to strengthen a whole-school approach through

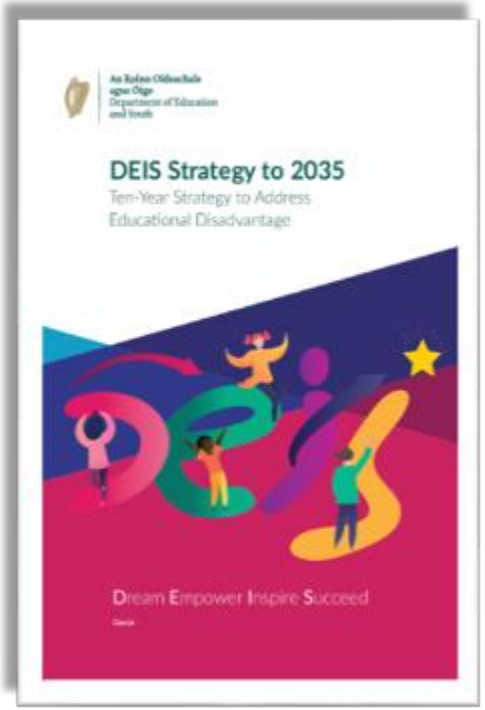
- Whole-school planning and leadership
- Promoting a coherent approach to wellbeing promotion
- Collaboration and leadership
- Prioritising supports
- Monitoring and review

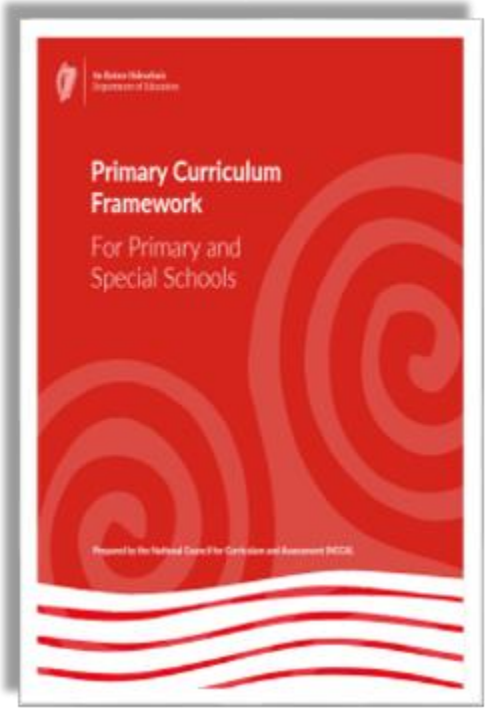
Three Key Areas of Responsibility

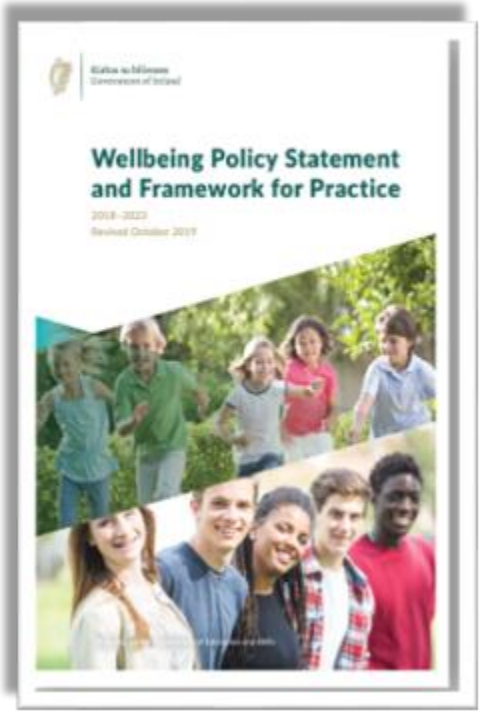


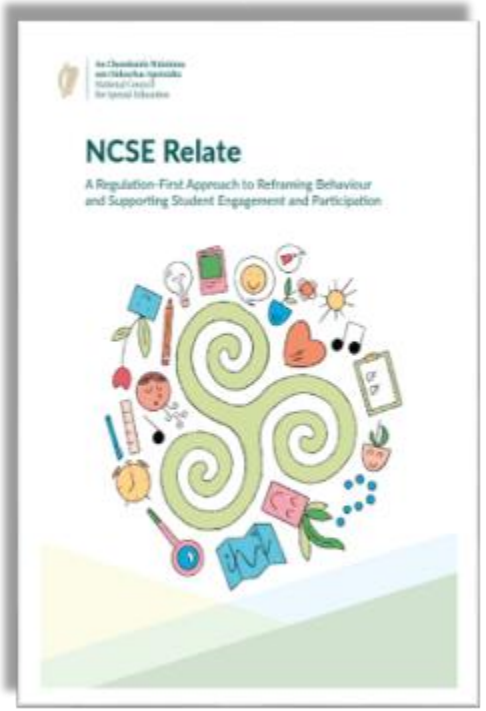
School Context, Wellbeing and DEIS priorities

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SSE Process

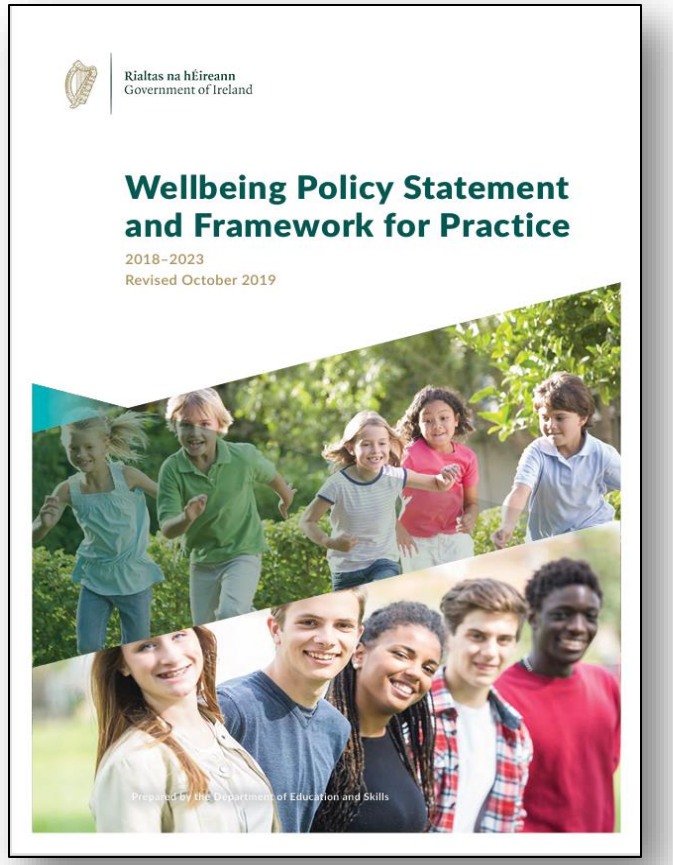
Wellbeing Through the DEIS Improvement Plan

Figure 6: Using the SSE process with the Wellbeing Framework for Practice



The Four Key Areas of Wellbeing

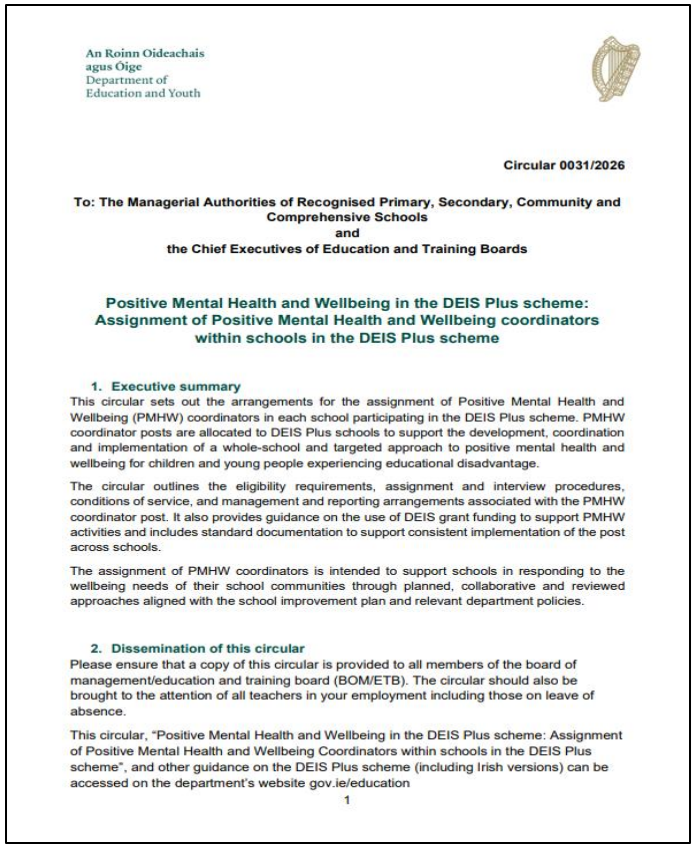




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The Key Areas of Responsibility for the PMHWC



An Roinn Oideachais agus Óige
Department of Education and Youth

Circular 0031/2026

To: The Managerial Authorities of Recognised Primary, Secondary, Community and Comprehensive Schools and the Chief Executives of Education and Training Boards

Positive Mental Health and Wellbeing in the DEIS Plus scheme: Assignment of Positive Mental Health and Wellbeing coordinators within schools in the DEIS Plus scheme

1. Executive summary

This circular sets out the arrangements for the assignment of Positive Mental Health and Wellbeing (PMHW) coordinators in each school participating in the DEIS Plus scheme. PMHW coordinator posts are allocated to DEIS Plus schools to support the development, coordination and implementation of a whole-school and targeted approach to positive mental health and wellbeing for children and young people experiencing educational disadvantage.

The circular outlines the eligibility requirements, assignment and interview procedures, conditions of service, and management and reporting arrangements associated with the PMHW coordinator post. It also provides guidance on the use of DEIS grant funding to support PMHW activities and includes standard documentation to support consistent implementation of the post across schools.

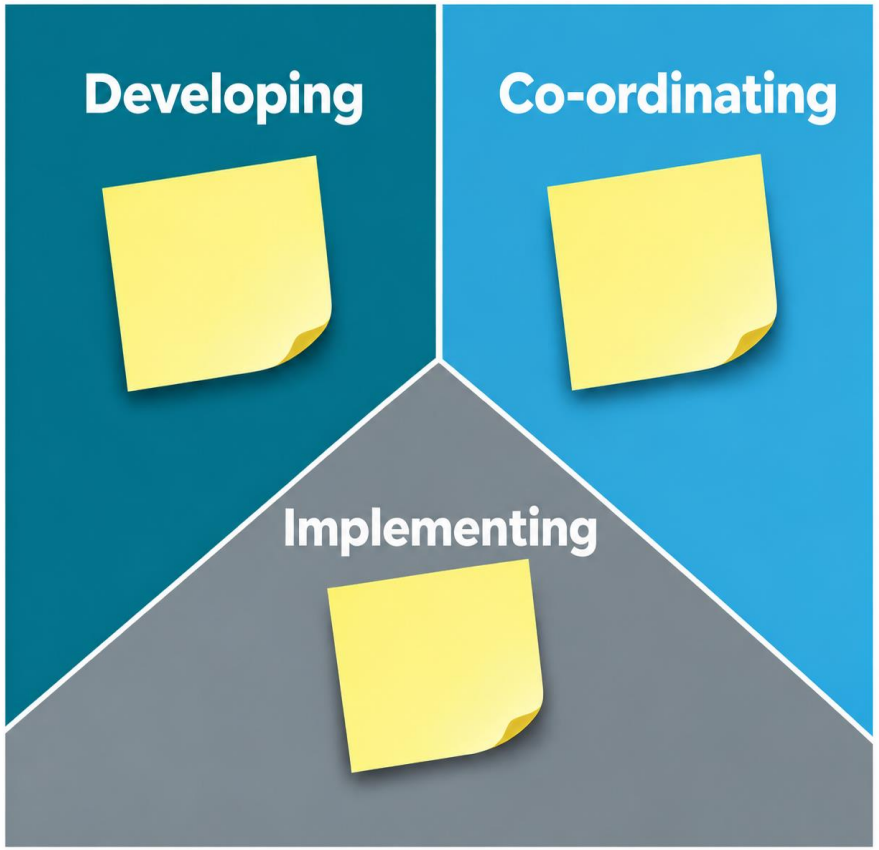
The assignment of PMHW coordinators is intended to support schools in responding to the wellbeing needs of their school communities through planned, collaborative and reviewed approaches aligned with the school improvement plan and relevant department policies.

2. Dissemination of this circular

Please ensure that a copy of this circular is provided to all members of the board of management/education and training board (BOM/ETB). The circular should also be brought to the attention of all teachers in your employment including those on leave of absence.

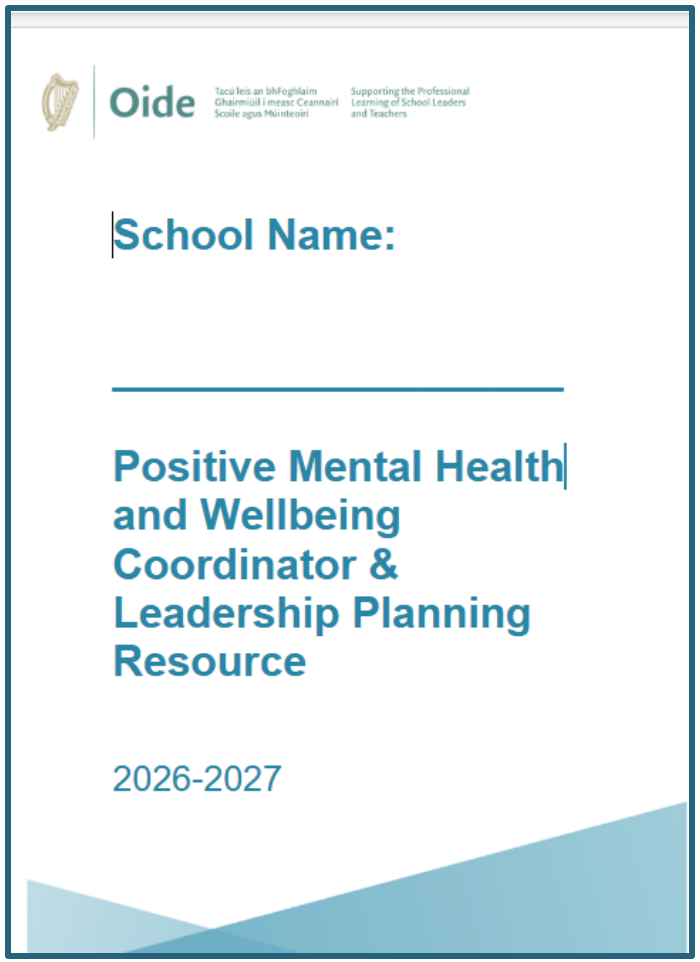
This circular, "Positive Mental Health and Wellbeing in the DEIS Plus scheme: Assignment of Positive Mental Health and Wellbeing Coordinators within schools in the DEIS Plus scheme", and other guidance on the DEIS Plus scheme (including Irish versions) can be accessed on the department's website gov.ie/education

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Circular 31/2026 Appendix D

Creating a Purpose Statement



- Key Wellbeing Needs are….
- PMHWC leads, supports and coordinates by….
- DEIS targets and actions (Universal and targeted)….
- Improvement after one year looks like….

Closing Reflection



The most important contribution the Positive Mental Health and Wellbeing Coordinator will make in our school is…