



## Language Awareness School FAQ

### 1. We have been assigned a school closure date for Language Awareness, is this in addition to Curriculum Enactment Support?

Yes, in addition to your assigned curricular area every school has been assigned a school closure day for Language Awareness. This date was shared with schools via Oide Registration in June. The assigned Professional Learning Leader (PLL) and Education Centre will contact the school in advance of this PLE with full details.

### 2. Do schools register teaching staff in advance of the Language Awareness assigned closure day?

All current teaching staff should be registered under the school's profile on the Oide Registration system. Once registered, no further individual registration is required for assigned Professional Learning Experience (PLEs).

### 3. Will lunch be provided as part of the Language Awareness Closure Day?

As this Professional Learning Experience will take place in venues both off-site and on-site in schools, lunch will be provided. Schools receiving their Language Awareness closure date on-site will organise their own catering with a lunch allowance allocated. The Education Support Centre will share the details with applicable schools.

**Please note:** Oide Curricular Enactment Support will take place on-site for **all** schools, and therefore no lunch allowance is applicable on these days.

### 4. Can schools reschedule the closure date for Language Awareness?

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](mailto:primaryoidereg@oide.ie)

### 5. 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.

### 6. What should staff bring to their assigned Language Awareness Closure Day?

Staff should bring a copy of the Language Specification to their Language Awareness Closure Day.



**7. If a teacher is on short-term leave (an EPV day, attending a family member's wedding, sick) on the day of their school closure, what do they do?**

Given the extent of this national rollout and the limited timeframe to facilitate it, this PLE will not be repeated. Oide is unable to accommodate attendance for teachers absent on their assigned date at another PLE. All relevant materials associated with the day will be available on [www.oide.ie](http://www.oide.ie)

**8. 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). 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. 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.

**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.

**10. Will our staff receive certificates of attendance for Language Awareness PLE?**

Certificates of attendance will not be issued. Recording attendance of staff at an assigned school closure day is the responsibility of school management.