

Agenda
Meeting of the Teacher Supply Implementation Group
20 August 2020 @ 2.00 pm
Via WebEx

1. Minutes of previous meeting

2. Covid-19 emergency: teacher supply measures

- (i) Suspension of limits that teachers on career break can be employed
- (ii) Reduction in advertising time for teacher vacancies (primary)
- (iii) Job-sharing teachers and sub work
- (iv) Expansion of primary sub teacher supply panels
- (v) Teaching Council measures:
 - Registration for NQTs qualified outside Ireland in 2020
 - Targeting registered teachers not active.
 - Arrangements for school placements 2020/21 (Enhancing the availability of PME students to fill substitute vacancies).

3. Data to support teacher supply planning

- (i) Technical Report
- (ii) Analysis of post primary subject teacher demand
- (iii) Potential use of the Teaching Council register to hold additional data to support teacher supply planning.

4. Communications and promotion of the teaching profession

- (i) Promotion campaign update
- (ii) Development of a recruitment portal for long term teacher vacancies

5. Higher Education

- (i) ITE programme application numbers 2020
- (ii) HEA proposal for upskilling programmes
- (iii) Supports for ITE students
- (iv) Review of school placement guidelines/ implementation of Working Group report

6. Policies and arrangements for schools and teachers that impact on teacher supply

- (i) Teacher absences due to State examination employment
- (ii) Teacher absences due to CPD
- (iii) Review of summer courses.
- (iv) Impact of EPV days.

- (v) Teacher sharing / potential for post primary supply panels
- (vi) Retired teachers and substitute work
- (vii) Streamlining of registration processes for out of State applicants/ professional orientation model for schools to support out of state teachers.
- (viii) Review of the system for the allocation of teachers (timing and duration) – timeframes, redeployment scheme rules etc.
- (ix) Potential for the employment of primary teachers in post primary settings.
- (x) Review of the refund of fees scheme: potential for the prioritisation of upskilling programmes.
- (xi) PDST return to teach webinar

7. Action Plan:

Revised actions: return to work and flexible access

8. AOB

9. Date of next meeting