Note on Inspectorate Briefing for Post-Primary Education Partners

on

Inspection and Supporting Schools Jan-June 2021

Tuesday 19th January 2021 at 2pm Online

In attendance from the Department of Education and Skills: Harold Hislop (Chief Inspector),Yvonne Keating (Deputy Chief Inspector), Gary Ó Donnchadha (Deputy Chief Inspector), Suzanne Conneely (Assistant Chief inspector), Martin Lally (Assistant Chief inspector), Padraig McFhlannchadha (Assistant Chief inspector), Elizabeth Sheridan (Divisional Inspector OCI)

Partners in attendance:

Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Michael Gillespie	TUI	John Curtis	JMB
Martin Marjoram			
Kieran Christie	ASTI		
Ann Piggott		Paul Fields	ETBI
		John Irwin	ACCS
Paul Byrne	NAPD	Reuben Murray	ISSU
Clive Byrne		Paul Fiorentini	ACCS

Outline of meeting:

Harold Hislop provided an overview to the partners on:

- The Inspectorate engagements with schools between September and December 2020 as per Circular 41/2020
- Learning from the Advisory and Research work with Schools Sept-Dec 2020
- Supporting HSE School Support teams
- Helpline support for Curriculum implementation for Principals and Teachers
- Research and Evaluation work with schools Jan-June 2021
- Information on the range of ways in which inspectors are engaging with schools in Quarter 1, 2021

Questions, comments and discussion were invited from the partners and the topics covered included:

- SSPS visits (Supporting the Safe Provision of Schooling)- follow up on non-compliance
- Child Protection and Safeguarding Inspections (CPSI)
- Evaluation of online/remote learning-pilot

The meeting concluded at 2:45pm