Note on Department Briefing for Post-Primary Education Partners

on

Supporting the Safe Reopening of School Visits (SSRS).

Thursday 8th and Friday 9th October 2020 at 11:30 a.m. Online

In attendance from the Department of Education and Skills: Yvonne Keating (Deputy Chief Inspector), Gary Ó Donnchadha (Deputy Chief Inspector), Brian Mac Giolla Phádraig (Assistant Chief inspector), Declan Cahalane (Assistant Chief inspector), Padraig McFhlannchadha (Assistant Chief inspector), Elizabeth Sheridan (Divisional Inspector)

Partners in attendance:

Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
Michael Gillespie	TUI	Aine OSullivan	
Martin Marjoram			
Kieran Christie	ASTI	John Curtis	JMB
Ann Piggott		Paul Fields	ETBI
Paul Rolston Mia Fanning	National Parents Council -PP	John Irwin	ACCS
Paul Byrne	NAPD	Reuben Murray	ISSU
Clive Byrne			

Outline of meeting:

The Department provided an overview to the partners on:

- The context of the visits to Support the Safe Reopening of School (SSRS).
- The aims of the visit in supporting the safe and sustainable reopening of schools
- The findings from the trial phase of the visits.
- Feedback from partners and schools
- Next steps

Observations, questions and feedback were invited from the partners and the topics covered included:

- The nature of the visits
- Providing advice, support and reassurance on the implementation of the Covid-19 response plan
- The role of the Lead Worker Representative
- Alerting the system to the visits
- Clarity on the contact log
- Student Voice
- Very High Risk Students
- Observation of yard and canteen protocols
- MoU with HSA

The meeting concluded at 12.50 and a further briefing will be arranged for partners in November 2020