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## Primary Child Protection Seminars – Autumn 2017

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Dear Principal,

As you are aware, the Department of Education and Skills issued Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools in September 2011 (See Circular 00065/2011). All **newly appointed Designated Liaison Persons (DLP) and Deputy Designated Liaison Persons (DDLp)** are advised to attend child protection training in order to be clear about their role, and in order to ensure that all staff members understand their responsibilities under the Child Protection Procedures.

**Please note** that the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools referenced above along with the underpinning guidelines '*Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children*', are currently being revised. The PDST therefore is also required to update its range of supports for schools in line with the revised procedures and new guidelines. Consequently, we will be offering this in-service for the revised versions in Term 2 2018.

In the meantime, however, due to demand from newly appointed DLPs and DDLps for immediate training this term, the PDST is providing a one-day training course for newly appointed DLPs and DDLps. Schools should note that this training will be based on Circular 0065/2011 (i.e. existing guidelines) which will be replaced by the revised versions accompanied by training in Term 2, 2018. We will keep you updated regarding this in-service which will become available to all schools in Term 2.

**Places for the seminar this term (based on existing guidelines), is strictly reserved for newly appointed DLPs and DDLps only.**

The Department of Education and Skills will facilitate substitute cover where necessary.

**The date for your local education centre is as follows:**

Education Centre	Date	Time
<b>Monaghan Education Centre</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> November 2017</b>	<b>9.30am – 3.30pm</b>

**Please log on to [www.pdst.ie/onlinebooking](http://www.pdst.ie/onlinebooking) to register for this seminar.**

You may wish to look at the child protection section of our website at [www.pdst.ie/childprotection](http://www.pdst.ie/childprotection). It contains relevant documentation as well as presentations which you may find useful for sharing with staff or parents.

**We request that you bring your own copy of the Child Protection procedures to the training day.**  
These are available on [www.pdst.ie/childprotection](http://www.pdst.ie/childprotection).

Yours sincerely,

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Roy Mallon, Chairperson Management Committee, Interim Director.