

September 4th, 2020.

A Chairde,

We at NIPT hope this email finds you well and rested after the summer break.

As a follow-on from my email update to Directors on June 30th, I hope to provide you with a brief update on our planned provision for Term 1 2020/21.

Induction Workshops:

As you are aware, a number of Induction Workshops became available online during Term 3 2019/20. That online suite continues to be available to NQTs who require them throughout the term ahead via the NIPT online learning platform <https://onlinelearning.teacherinduction.ie>.

Unfortunately, face-to-face workshops will not run in Term 1 2020/21 as the Induction Workshops will be entirely online for this term.

Two new online workshops will be added to the suite mid-way through this term:

- Teacher Professionalism and Well-Being *NIPTWS01* (Cross-Sectoral)
- Múineadh na Gaeilge *NIPTWS12* (Primary)

As face-to-face workshops will not run in Term 1, we would be grateful if you would inform your NIPT-trained facilitators, if you have not done so already.

NIPT will continue to monitor the situation and subsequently plan for Term 2. We do not plan on circulating an Induction Workshop Calendar for the moment.

Droichead:

Cluster Meeting 1

As in previous years, NQTs must apply for *Droichead* via the 'My Registration' portal on www.teachingcouncil.ie and receive a confirmation email from the Teaching Council before registering for Cluster Meeting 1.

Cluster Meeting 1 will be available online only during Term 1 2020. It is anticipated that this provision will begin during early October via our online learning platform <https://onlinelearning.teacherinduction.ie>. NIPT will monitor the completion of Cluster Meeting 1 during this time.

Our website will be updated when this becomes available and the Teaching Council (www.teachingcouncil.ie) will publish the date on which applications for the *Droichead* process will open.

Similar to the Induction Workshops Calendar, we will continue to monitor the situation and subsequently plan for Term 2. We do not plan on circulating a Cluster Meeting Calendar for the moment.

PST Training

Unfortunately, PST Training will also not be facilitated face-to-face in Term 1. Initially, RDOs will facilitate this training via the Zoom platform. It is anticipated that these events will begin late September/early October.

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NIPT Team:

We are disappointed to inform you that the annual Term 1 NIPT team meetings of RDOs with Directors and NIPT Administrators will not take place face-to-face this term. The RDO assigned to your Education Centre will, however, be in contact virtually in due course.

We at NIPT would also like to extend our sincere thanks and good wishes to outgoing RDOs Stephen Mullen, Maeve McCafferty and Judy O'Connor as they move on to their respective next chapters.

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We miss the face-to-face provision and engagement with our colleagues throughout the ESCI network and sincerely hope to soon be in a position where we can re-engage with you all again face-to-face.

We will be in touch by email as developments arise.

On behalf of NIPT, I would like to wish you and your colleagues all the very best for the term and year ahead as you re-engage with your school communities.

Le gach dea-ghuí,



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