

## **An Introduction to Autism**

Registration: 8.45 AM

Seminar begins: 9.15 AM

Seminar concludes : 3.30 PM

### **Course Description**

The seminar is designed for Post Primary Principals and teachers who are currently working with a child diagnosed as having Autism. The seminar provides an understanding of Autism and how this impacts the pupil's ability to learn and develop social skills. It also focuses on assessment and strategies to enable inclusion and to access to the curriculum.

### **Anticipated Outcomes**

Participants will:

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- Educational consequences of Autism
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### **Information for Applicants**

### **The course is open to**

- Teachers working in classes for student(s) with Autism in a mainstream setting
- Teachers in Special Schools who are currently working with student(s) with Autism
- Full-time Special Education Teachers who are currently working with student(s) with Autism
- Participants will require permission from the Board of Management to attend. Typically, substitution for this seminar will only be allowed to classroom teachers with primary responsibility for students with a special educational need and if it is deemed absolutely essential by the Principal
- Typically substitution will only be allocated to non - substitute teachers
- Payment is not available to teachers in a substitute capacity

Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

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