

Transition from Primary to Post-Primary for Pupils with Special Education Needs

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Challenges for the Pupil and Strategies for the Teacher

This is a 2.5 hour seminar, from 7.00pm to 9.30pm, aimed at all teaching professionals within both the primary and post-primary sectors to include;
Class Teachers, Subject Teachers, Resource/Learning Support Teachers, Principals, HSCL officers, Year Heads and Guidance Counsellors.

Expected Outcomes

- Look at recent legislation and reports that refer to transition.
- Explore the difficulties pupils with SEN may have at the time of transition.
- Engage in activities and strategies which may ease transitional anxieties and difficulties (from a primary and a post-primary perspective).
- Be furnished with information on further reading, resources and materials to assist them in the management of the transition process.

Course Overview

Three phases can be identified in the process of planning for the transition of students with special educational needs from primary to post-primary education and a strong emphasis is placed on these essential elements throughout the seminar:

Communication: On-going contact between the schools involved. Communication with the SENO and NEPS and planning how best to support the transition and help the school to prepare to meet the learning needs of students prior to their arrival in the school.

Consultation: To be informed as to what supports, resources, personnel, time etc. have been in place to date through reference to assessment reports, IEPs and other relevant documentation and hence guide planning for the future.

Consolidation: This involves co-ordination of relevant aspects of the school plan and the monitoring and development of that plan.

The seminar addresses the challenges for the student and puts forward strategies for the teacher in aiding the transition process.

Information for Applicants

Each participating teacher will receive a booklet detailing activities that can be used at the time of transition as well as giving specific references to guidelines, reports and legislation in this area. Booking is essential as places are limited.

Registration: 6.30PM

Start: 7.00PM

Finish: 9.30PM

Transition from Primary to Post Primary, evening seminar - Application Form

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