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Updates 2017

Recruitment notice: Specialist Lead for the Education of Children/Students who are Blind/Visually Impaired or Deaf/Hard of Hearing

The Public Appointments Service have advertised the position of Specialist Lead for the Education of Children/Students who are Blind/Visually Impaired or Deaf/Hard of Hearing.

Please see here for further information.

<https://www.publicjobs.ie/publicjobs/campaignAdvert/64555.htm>

The closing date for applications is **December 7th 2017**.

Review of Special Education Teacher supports where there are Exceptional Circumstances or Needs arising in a school

NCSE Guidelines 04/2017 sets out the procedures for schools in seeking a review of their Special Education Teacher allocation and the utilisation of their allocation, on the grounds that very exceptional circumstances have arisen in the school.

More information can be found here.

Toolkit to Support the New Special Education Teacher Allocation Model

The NCSE Support Service has prepared a downloadable **toolkit** (in word format) to support the implementation of the new model:

- NCSE Support Service Toolkit to Support the New Special Education Teacher (SET) Allocation Model

More information and useful resources can be found in the Resources section for Primary and Post Primary schools.

Guidelines for Schools - Supporting Children with Special Educational Needs in Mainstream Schools

The following documents are to provide guidance to schools on the use, organisation and deployment of additional teaching resources for pupils with special educational needs. This guidance is provided in the context of a revised model for allocating special education teaching resources which is being introduced by the Department of Education and Skills (the Department) in September 2017.

- Guidelines for Primary Schools - Supporting Students with Special Educational Needs
- Guidelines for Post-Primary Schools - Supporting Students with Special Educational Needs

Special Education Teaching Allocation Circulars - Primary and Post-Primary

Circular 0013/2017 and 0014/2017 have been distributed to mainstream Primary and Post-Primary schools to advise schools of the revised allocation process for Special Education Teachers from the 2017/18 school year. The circulars are available at the following links:

- Primary Circular 0013/2017
- Post-Primary Circular 0014/2017

New Model for Allocating Special Education Teaching Resources to Schools

January 18th, 2017 - The Minister for Education and Skills, Mr. Richard Bruton T.D., announced that a new model for allocating special education teaching resources to mainstream primary and post primary schools will be introduced from September 2017.

- The Minister's press release is available [here](#)
 - The review of the pilot project for the new model for allocating teaching resources to mainstream schools to support pupils with special educational needs is available [here](#)
 - The NCSE press release is available [here](#)
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SESS Primary Language Curriculum CPD

Special Education Support Service (SESS) is continuing its professional development programme for the Primary Language Curriculum/Curaclam Teanga na Bunscoile.

Whole-school professional development for The Primary Language Curriculum will be provided to special schools by the SESS during the school year 2016-2017.

For further information click here

NCSE - Teacher CPD Database for Inclusion and Special Educational Needs



This database is an online reference tool designed to provide practical support to teachers looking for continuous professional development opportunities in the area of inclusion and special educational needs. It brings together in one place an extensive range of information relating to CPD options, delivered by a variety of different providers.

To this end, the database does not seek to replace information from individual providers, but rather acts as an initial source of general information and a 'signposting' mechanism for further information.

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