

## Revised arrangements for new summer courses submitted for 2022.

Dear Provider,

The summer course programme for primary teachers contributes to the continuum of teachers' professional learning. The programmes' objectives are to promote innovation and excellence in teaching, learning and assessment, and also to support the goals set out in the Department's Statement of Strategy-Cumasú 2020-2022 and other national priorities relevant at this time.

Thank you for your significant contribution and cooperation in delivering this important programme. Together, we will continue our efforts to improve the learning experiences of teachers, and to ensure that their learning has a lasting impact on pupils' learning outcomes and experiences.

A three-year approval cycle commenced in 2020 for those summer courses which carry an entitlement of extra personal vacation (EPV) days for primary teachers. Courses approved in 2020 and 2021 may remain approved for the duration of this cycle.

Since the commencement of the three-year cycle, there has been a very substantial offering of courses from providers in two particular categories, namely

1. Other curricular areas and
2. Leadership, management and other school related themes.

Courses supporting literacy (English and Irish) and/or numeracy are less well represented.

Arising from this, providers of **new courses** are now invited to submit applications for 2022 in the following two categories **only**.

- 1. Literacy (English and Gaeilge) and/or numeracy to cater inclusively for the needs of a range of learners in all primary schools.**
- 2. Courses that focus on supporting pupils with Special Educational Needs**

The Providers' Booklet sets out the administrative requirements and criteria for the approval and delivery of summer courses for teachers, which carry an entitlement of extra personal vacation (EPV) days for primary teachers. The **2022** version, which contains the application form can be found on Drumcondra Education Centre's website.