

SCHOOL GUIDANCE REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING PILOT PROJECT

BRIEFING DOCUMENT FOR SCHOOL STAFF

Your school management has kindly agreed to take part in a pilot project: School Guidance Review and Development Plan. All school staff have a role to play in responding to the career, educational, and personal and social needs of pupils in their care. Some staff through their specialist training e.g. guidance counsellor or through their roles e.g. Year/Class Tutor, have specific additional responsibilities in this regard.

The School Guidance Review is a systematic approach for use by schools to examine what the career, educational and personal and social needs of pupils are, and how the school is currently meeting these. Guidance Development Planning is a method of setting objectives for addressing the unmet needs of pupils and devising strategies for achieving these objectives.

The Pilot Project entails two days inservice training for the principal and guidance counsellor, and participation by school staff in guidance review and planning activities in school. The project is to commence in September 1999 and be completed by December 1999. The experience of school staff involved in the project will benefit all other post primary school staff subsequently.

Your interested and active participation in the pilot project activities in your school is much appreciated. The focus of the Review and Planning is the identification and addressing of the various guidance needs of pupils.

It is not an assessment of the work of the guidance counsellor.

An information pack including:

- GUIDANCE AND COUNSELLING IN POST- PRIMARY SCHOOLS:*
 - Reviewing Pupils' Needs;
 - Developing a School's Response;
- SCHOOL GUIDANCE REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN: Background Paper;*
- Guidelines for the Practice of Guidance and Counselling in Schools.*

has been sent to all participating schools for reference purposes by school staff.

If you have any query or observation about the School Guidance Review and Development Plan, please contact John McCarthy or Liam Harkin at NCGE, 189 Parnell Street, Dublin 1.

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