

“Every School Day Counts”

Dear Principal,

Further to our previous correspondence, I would now like to invite your school to be part of the **Every School Day Counts** attendance campaign commencing during the month of November.

This attendance awareness campaign, will run annually and will coincide with the introduction of **TESS (Tusla Education Support Service)** which incorporates the Home School Community Liaison Scheme, The School Completion Programme and the Statutory Educational Welfare Service. The new brand will be launched in the Mansion House in Dublin on November 5th 2019.

Attendance, Retention and Participation are the cornerstones of TESS. The primary focus of this campaign is on improved attendance, in order that students can attain the best possible outcome from their time in education.

We would like to invite your school to become part of the **Every School Day Counts** attendance campaign, by highlighting school attendance in your school during the month of November, through an initiative/awareness campaign. We would also ask you to discuss the campaign with your Board of Management and involve both the Parent and Student Councils in your school. We hope the Attendance Campaign will complement existing school endeavours that promote and support good school attendance.

Knowing the busy places that schools are, we have attached:

- (a) Ideas (Please feel free to come up with your own)
- (b) Templates of messages for distribution to your Students, Parents and Staff.

By registering for the attendance campaign using the link below, you will be directed to a webpage containing resources for your school. Those schools who have registered and participated will receive a link to a **Digital Award Badge** for the school website, which acknowledges participation in this national campaign in November. Additional resources for your school will also be made available at this time.

We would like to thank you for your work in promoting School Attendance and wish you all the best for the coming year.

Kind Regards,

Noel Kelly

Director Educational Welfare Services

“Tá Gach Lá Scoile Tábhachtach”

A Phríomhoide, a chara,

I ndiaidh gur sheolamar comhfhreagras chugat roimhe seo, ba mhaith liom cuireadh a thabhairt anois do do scoil páirt a ghlacadh i bhfeachtas freastail **Tá Gach Lá Scoile Tábhachtach**, a thosóidh i rith mhí na Samhna.

Cuirfear an feachtas feasachta seo ar fhreastal ar siúl gach bliain agus beidh sé ar siúl ag an tráth céanna a thabharfar **STOT (Seirbhís Tacaíochta Oideachais Tusla)** isteach, ina bhfuil an Scéim Theagmhála, Baile, Scoile agus an Phobail, an Clár Críochnaithe Scolaíochta agus an tSeirbhís Leasa Oideachais Reachtúil. Seolfar an branda nua i dTeach an Ard-Mhéara i mBaile Átha Cliath an 5 Samhain 2019.

Is iad **Freastal, Coinneáil agus Rannpháirtíocht** bunchlocha STOT. Díríonn an feachtas seo go príomha ar fhreastal feabhsaithe, chun gur féidir le mic léinn an toradh is fearr agus is féidir a bhaint amach ón am a chaitheann siad san oideachas.

Ba mhaith linn cuireadh a thabhairt do do scoil páirt a ghlacadh san fheachtas freastail **Tá Gach Lá Scoile Tábhachtach**, trí bhéim a leagan ar fhreastal scoile i do scoil i rith mhí na Samhna, trí thionscnamh/fheachtas feasachta. D’iarrfaimis ort, chomh maith, chun plé a dhéanamh ar an bhfeachtas le do Bhord Bainistíochta agus Comhairle na dTuismitheoirí agus Comhairle na nDaltaí a bheith páirteach sa phlé seo. Tá súil againn go gcuirfidh an Feachtas Freastail leis na hiarrachtaí atá á ndéanamh ag an scoil faoi láthair chun freastal maith scoile a chur chun cinn agus tacú leis.

Tuigimid gurb áiteanna gnóthacha iad scoileanna, agus tá an méid seo a leanas ar ceangal againn dá bharr:

- (a) Smaointe (Ná bíodh drogall ort do smaointe féin a chumadh)
- (b) Teimpléid de theachtaireachtaí atá le scaipeadh ar do Dhaltaí, Tuismitheoirí agus Foireann.

Trí chlárú don fheachtas freastail, agus úsáid á baint as an nasc thíos, tabharfar thú chuig leathanach gréasáin ar a bhfuil acmhainní do do scoil. Gheobhaidh na scoileanna siúd a chláraigh agus a ghlac páirt nasc le **Suaitheantas Dámhachtana Digití** do láithreán gréasáin na scoile, a aithníonn rannpháirtíocht san fheachtas náisiúnta seo i Samhain. Cuirfear acmhainní breise do do scoil ar fáil, chomh maith, ag an tráth seo.

Ba mhaith linn buíochas a ghlacadh leat as an obair a rinne tú chun Freastal Scoile a chur chun cinn agus guímid gach rath ort sa bhliain amach romhainn.

Is mise, le meas,

Noel Kelly