

## URGENT CALL TO ALL TUSLA EMPLOYEES TO SELF-VOLUNTEER FOR TEMPORARY REASSIGNMENT

The Government has clearly indicated that reopening schools is currently the key national priority. To assist the work of Tusla Education Support Service (TESS) in relation to the successful reengagement of children and young people with school and learning TESS are requesting that all suitably qualified Tusla employees volunteer for the following **Internal Temporary Reassignment**:

- 1. TESS Frontline staff** – TESS require the assistance of volunteers from other Tusla teams to work alongside TESS Educational Welfare Officers in order to provide support for all children, young people and families requiring assistance to reengage with school or education. With almost 4,000 schools countrywide TESS EWO's will not have the capacity to meet the demand for support in all areas and the assistance of Tusla volunteers in areas where TESS is unable to meet the demand will be critical to providing a comprehensive response nationwide.
- 2. TESS Administrative Staff** – Supporting frontline responses to reach the maximum number of children and young people, administrative tasks will include management of data coming in from schools, typing information, responding to queries, signposting and information giving and systems management.

All volunteers will be included in an available bank of emergency staff for temporary Internal Reassignment to TESS. It is important that you notify your current line manager when volunteering.

1. We are now accepting applications from the following employees for **Temporary Internal Reassignment** as TESS Frontline Staff:
  - Staff with frontline experience working with children, young people and/or families.
  - Staff with frontline experience working with schools and community groups.
  - Staff should hold a Level 8 in health, education, psychology, social science, social work, social care work or related area.
2. We are now accepting applications from the following employees for **Temporary Internal Reassignment** as TESS Administrative Staff:
  - All administrative staff grades within Tusla.

### **General Information:**

- All staff capacity reassigned to TESS for the purpose of supporting the return to school/education will be of great value to the national effort.
- Volunteers will only be called upon where TESS has a requirement for support in specific geographical areas.
- Peak TESS demand is expected to be from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.
- The duration of individual reassignments may be flexible e.g. 1/2 days per week for four weeks or a block of time e.g. one week, two weeks, etc.
- Training will be provided in advance.
- Reporting lines will be clearly defined.

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