

Revised Staff Development Days 2025-26

On Friday schools were written to by the Department of Education and advised that they can allocate a further two staff development days within this school year, on top of the existing 5 days to be used. These days are to enable teachers to engage with the significant changes and developments that have been put in place as part of the Minister's TransformEd Strategy, the new curriculum which will be phased in over the next 2-3 years.

I appreciate the timing of this is not ideal for families but the investment in teacher training and time allocation is vital for this to be implemented successfully for our children.

Where possible I have attached these to our existing planned staff training days or holidays.

Please see revised days below: **Term 2**

Monday 16th March School Development Day.

Tuesday 17th March St. Patrick's Day. School closed.

Wednesday 1st April School Development Day.

This forms the start of the Easter holiday so pupils will now finish school on Tuesday 31st March at 12.00

Term 3

Monday 4th May May Bank holiday.

Tuesday 5th School Development Day.

Wednesday 6th School Development Day.

Monday 25th May Bank holiday

Tuesday 26th School Development Day.

Wednesday 27th School Development Day.

Mon 15th June School Development Day.

Apologies for any inconvenience these added days cause in organising childcare.

Kind regards,

Mrs A. Gourley.