



digital learning actions for the new school year

A big thank you to the teachers who completed our online and face-to-face summer courses in July and August. The engagement levels and the ideas and plans for digital learning shared by course participants were of a very high standard yet again this year.

To help you with your own digital learning journey, we have compiled ten popular actions that course participants told us they are planning to take in September 2019:



1 Ask the principal to put digital learning on the staff meeting agenda

A regular slot for digital learning on the staff meeting agenda is an effective way of prioritising and supporting digital learning in a school.



2 Play a 'good practice video' at the next staff meeting

These videos can be a good stimulus for planning for digital learning. They are available under Good Practice on the www.pdst.ie website and also linked to the statements of the Digital Learning Framework on the www.dlplanning.ie website.



3 Formally share ideas from the summer course with colleagues

Many teachers plan to deliver a Croke Park hour session to share what they learnt on their summer course. Online course participants created a course summary

for their own colleagues for September.



4 Explore the Digital Learning Planning website

Many schools have already engaged with the *Digital Learning Framework* as part of their Digital Learning Planning. The new DL Planning website brings the *Digital Learning Framework* to life. See www.dlplanning.ie.

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5 Apply for PDST in-school support for digital technologies

Apply for support from a digital technologies advisor from PDST in your own school, customised to your own needs. Find out more here <https://pdst.ie/schoolsupport>.



6 Sign up for Safer Internet Day 2020

Make online safety a priority for your school this year by getting involved in Safer Internet Day on 11 February 2020. Learn more about how to get involved, find ideas for fun activities and events, and lots of free resources at www.webwise.ie/saferinternetday.



7 Show colleagues the Webwise HTML Heroes resource

Introduce online safety into the classroom with HTML Heroes.

Comprised of eight lessons, and three specially designed animations, this new interactive resource is a great way to

introduce internet safety to primary school students. It is free for all schools to access at www.webwise.ie/html-heroes.



8 Explore Scoilnet's collections

Scoilnet contains over 21,000 free curriculum-focused resources. Take a look at their 'collections' to help you teach thematically. www.scoilnet.ie/go-to-primary/themepages/.



9 Introduce colleagues to World Book Online

World Book Online is available anywhere in Ireland via the home page on the Scoilnet website. Many teachers on our courses plan to use it with pupils as a safe source for researching topics, both within the school and for homework.



10 Sign up for an online or face-to-face course on digital technologies

Check out our online course schedule on <https://teachercpd.ie>. Alternatively, avail of one of the many options for face-to-face training on digital technologies that are available via your local education centre www.ateci.ie.

The very best of luck planning your digital learning actions in this new school year!

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