



Excellence through Collaborative Leadership and Management
Clustering Initiative
Frequently Asked Questions

1. With regards to the priority given to DEIS schools does this apply to School Completion schools as well?

DEIS priority is applicable only in the event that two clusters in an education centre receive the same mark. The cluster with the DEIS school will then be prioritised. DEIS schools are the only category of schools where priority access will apply.

2. Can the hours provided to the cluster co-ordinator be split between schools as it would assist in building capacity and also negating the possibility of the lead school being seen as dominant?

The additional time allocation is provided for cluster coordination and it will be important for the cluster coordinator to be identified and afforded the time to carry out their duties. However, it will be a matter for the cluster to identify how the overall allocation of time will be utilised within the limits set out in the “Description of the Scheme” document. This can be assessed on a cluster by cluster basis.

3. Will priority be given to cross sectoral projects?

The scheme is open to primary, post primary or cross sectoral collaboration. No additional marks or weighting will be allocated as a result of the make-up of the cluster.

4. Should the project selected be linked to schools SSE plans?

Ideally, yes but the selection of the project is entirely a matter for the schools involved.

5. Can non post holders work on this project?

Yes, the selection of personnel to work on this project is entirely a matter for the Principal of each school.