



**Irish Primary Principals Network (IPPN) in partnership with  
the Association of Teachers' / Education Centres in Ireland (ATECI) will host -**

**Regional Briefing Seminars on Commencement of Children First Act 2015 & New  
Child Protection Procedures for Schools.**

The commencement of the Children First Act 2015 and the publication of new Children First National Guidance on 11 December has necessitated changes to the existing Child Protection Procedures for schools which take into account the new Statutory Mandated Reporting and Child Safeguarding Requirements.

IPPN has produced a synopsis of the changes for schools with supporting templates and has published a Resource Bundle on the topic of Child Protection. These reflect the implications of the full commencement of the Children First Act 2015, the Children First Guidelines 2017, changes to the DES Child Protection Procedures and the new DES Circular 0081/2017.

The Board of Directors of IPPN has decided to offer a series of Briefing Seminars be made available regionally starting the **Week of 29/01/2018 and be completed by 8/03/2018 (6 weeks)**, to coincide with the requirement for schools to meet the new **Child Safeguarding Statement** requirements as set out in Chapter 8 of the new procedures by **March 11<sup>th</sup> 2018**.

## **Athlone Education Centre**

**will host a briefing seminar on  
Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> February  
starting at 4.30pm.**

This 1.5 hour seminar will focus on **What Schools Need to Know / What Schools Need to Do** so that they are compliant with the new **Child Safeguarding Statement** requirements.

This is an important CPD initiative on the topic of Child Protection. It represents a significant partnership opportunity for IPNN and Education Centres to facilitate a major CPD Project to support schools and Principals.

**To confirm your attendance at this seminar,  
please contact Athlone Education Centre on (090) 6420400.**

