

Thank you for agreeing to take part in the trial of the Digital Learning Framework (DLF). This trial is being carried out in 20 post-primary and 28 primary schools.

The Educational Research Centre, Drumcondra, Dublin, has been asked by the Department of Education and Skills to evaluate this trial. This questionnaire is part of that evaluation.

The purpose of the questionnaire is to gather information about your views on the DLF trial in your school. It is intended to take about 20 minutes to complete.

Most questions require you to tick a box, while some ask you to type your response.

Your views are very important in contributing to improvements to the DLF when it is rolled out nationally in Autumn 2018.

It might be helpful to download a PDF copy of this questionnaire at this link. This is in case you want to review the questionnaire before filling it out.

The questionnaire needs to be completed in one 'sitting'. Please be sure to **click on the SUBMIT button** when you reach the end of the questionnaire, otherwise your responses will not be saved.

Responses of individual schools and teachers will not be identified in published reports. Numeric results will be reported as group averages. Any published comments are anonymised, and for illustrative purposes only.

If you are having any difficulties in completing the questionnaire, please email **DLF@erc.ie**.

If possible, please submit your responses within one week of receiving the invitation email to complete this questionnaire. The survey closes on **May 14th**, 2018.

#### Thank you!

Logging in to start the questionnaire	
* 1. Roll number of school:	
Please ensure that you choose the correct roll number.	
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* 2. Four-digit teacher ID:	
Please enter the four-digit teacher ID assigned to you by the school principal. This ID is needed to keep track of responses and will never be used to identify you.	
* 3. Are you on the school's Digital Learning Team?	
Yes	
○ No	

#### The digital context of your school

Previously, we asked you some questions about the digital context of your school. We ask you to answer these questions a second time, to see if things may have changed since the beginning of the DLF trial.

4. How would you rate the following aspects of ICT infrastructure and digital technologies in your school as they relate to your work and that of your students?

	Excellent	Very good	Good	Fair	Poor
Number of computing devices (desktops, laptops, tablets)					
Age and condition of computing devices (desktops, laptops, tablets)					
Availability of digital devices such as whiteboards, digital projectors					
Availability of digital tools such as data sensors, cameras, assistive devices, robotic tops (e.g. BeeBots)					
Awareness of suitable software for teaching and learning					
Availability of suitable software for teaching and learning					
Broadband connection/speed					
Technical support and maintenance					
My own level of knowledge and skills in using digital teaching and learning technologies					
My own level of engagement with digital teaching and learning technologies					
My students' level of knowledge and skills in using digital learning technologies					
My students' level of engagement with digital teaching and learning technologies					

# Digital teaching and learning practices

Again, previously, we asked you some questions about digital teaching and learning practices. We ask you to answer these questions a second time, to see if things may have changed as a result of taking part in the DLF trial.

5. In general, how often do your students use digital technologies in the following ways?

	Never	Sometimes	Frequently	Usually / Always
Reinforce and practise routine skills and procedures				
Submit homework				
Use e-books				
Find information on the Internet (teacher-directed)				
Carry out research on the Internet (student-led)				
Publish and present work online				
Work with spreadsheets and databases				
Use data-logging tools (e.g. in science for weather, environment)				
Analyse data or information				
Create presentations using a range of media (e.g., podcast, video)				
Use simulations or abstractions to explore a system or abstract concept	$\bigcirc$			
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Use social networks for school-related learning activities	$\bigcirc$			
Collaborate with peers from class through email, videoconferencing, or online forums	$\bigcirc$			
Work with students or adults from outside class (e.g., students from other schools or adult mentors)	$\bigcirc$			
Give feedback to peers or assess other students' work				

	Never / Almost never	Once / Twice a month	Once / Twice a fortnight	Weekly or r often
I present a summary of learned content using digital technologies/devices				
Students work in small groups using digital technologies to come up with a joint solution to a problem or task				
I use digital technologies to give different work to the students who have difficulties learning and/or to those who can advance faster				
I use digital technologies to refer to a problem from everyday life or work to demonstrate why new knowledge is useful				
I let students practice similar tasks using digital technologies until I know that every student has understood the subject matter				
I check students' assignments or homework which have been completed electronically/digitally				
Using digital technologies, students work on projects that require at least one week to complete				
class work				

#### Your views on the Digital Learning Framework document and resources

An important part of this evaluation is to learn about your views of the Digital Learning Framework document, guidelines and resources, now that the trial is coming to an end.

7. How frequently did you use the following materials/resources during the trial? Click on the links below if you are unsure about what the item refers to.

	Very frequently (once a week or more often)	Quite frequently (about once a fortnight)	Sometimes (about once a month)	Rarely (about once or twice in the past 6 months)	Never
The <u>Digital Learning Framework</u> document					
The Digital Learning Planning Guidelines					
The <u>Digital Learning Plan Template</u>					
The <u>video exemplars</u> (see video exemplars section of the web page)					
8. Please rate the usefulness of the followir programme during the DLF trial.  Click on the links below if you are unsure a the material.					I not use
	Excellent \	/ery good G	Good Fai	r Poor	Not used
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The <u>Digital Learning Planning Guidelines</u>			O C		
The <u>Digital Learning Plan Template</u>			O C		
The <u>video exemplars</u> (see video exemplars section of the web page)			O C		

	Excellent	Very good	Good	Fair	Poor
Overall length and layout					
Overall language and terminology					
The content and wording of the domain that my school was focusing on for the trial					
The content and wording of the statements of effective and highly effective practice for the standard(s) in the domain that my school was focusing on for the trial					
The 'fit' of the document within the school's broader development and improvement planning					

10. Please rate the following aspects of the <u>Digital Learning Framework Planning Guidelines</u> in using it to guide the implementation of your school's programme during the DLF trial. Please also provide comments or suggestions, particularly where your ratings are less positive.

Skip this question if you did not refer to the Planning Guidelines during the trial.

	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Did not refer to this section
Overall length and layout						
Overall language and terminology						
Overall usefulness						
The Introduction section						
The Getting Started section						
Section on Step 1 (Identify Focus)						
Section on Step 2 (Gather Evidence)						
Section on Step 3 (Analyse and Make Judgements)						
Section on Step 4 (Write and Share the Digital Learning Plan)						
Section on Step 5 (Putting the Plan Into Action)						
Section on Step 6 (Monitor Actions and Evaluate Impact)						
Appendix A (Resources and Supports)						
Appendix B (Digital Learning Plan Template)						
Comments/suggestions:						

### Your school's implementation of a programme for the DLF trial

This section asks for your views on the implementation of the DLF trial programme in your school.

11. Please indicate which curricular or content areas were a focus of the DLF trial programme in your school:

	High focus	Medium focus	Low focus	Not a focus of our programme
Students' literacy skills				
Students' oral language skills				
Students' numeracy skills				
Students' mathematics skills				
Students' science skills				
Students' critical thinking and analysis				
Students' collaborative and team work				
Students' wellbeing				
Students' business skills/entrepreneurship				
Students' artistic and creative skills				
Students' digital literacy				
Another area (please type below)				
Another area (please specify)				

	High focus	Medium focus	Low focus	Not a focus of o programme
Teachers' collaborative and team work				
Teachers' digital literacy in general				
Teachers' use of digital technologies for assessment				
Teachers' use of digital technologies for communication with students or parents				
Teachers' use of digital technologies for administration (e.g. attendance)				
Development of teachers' skills in using specific apps or software for teaching and learning				
Incorporating use of digital technologies into short-term planning				
Incorporating use of digital technologies into long- term planning				
Making improvements to digital technologies infrastructure - number and quality of computing devices and/or tools		$\bigcirc$		
Making improvements to technical maintenance and support for teaching and learning	$\bigcirc$			
Making improvements to the quality of broadband connectivity				
Making improvements to the sharing of teaching documents and resources (cloud- or server-based)				
Another area (please type below)				
nother area (please specify)				

# Your school's implementation of a programme for the DLF trial

13. About how many hours in total did you, as a teacher, spend working on planning, implementing and monitoring the DLF trial programme in your school? Exclude Croke Park on October 26th, 2017. Include time spent preparing for and attending PDST advisor visits.
1-8 hours
9-16 hours
17-24 hours
25-32 hours
33-40 hours
41 hours or more

	Significant change	wouerate change	Minor change	No cha
My teaching and learning activities during class time				
My students' study or homework activities				
My students' interest and engagement in learning activities				
My assessment practices				
My record-keeping practices				
My collaboration with other teachers in the school				
My sharing of documents or resources with other teachers in the school				
Emphasis on use of digital technologies in school policies or guidelines				
Digital technology infrastructure (quality or number of computing devices) that I have access to				
Technical support or maintenance				
Broadband connectivity/wifi connectivity or reliability				
Other area (please type below)				
15. Please list the three most significant ch	anges that have	occurred in your	work as a toach	or as a ro
15. Please list the three most significant chapter for the part in the DLF trial:	anges that have (	occurred in your	work as a teach	er as a re
Most significant change as a result of the DLF trial:				
Second most significant change as a result of the DLF trial:				
Third most significant change as a result of the				
DLF trial:				
DLF trial:				

	Highly successful	
	Largely successful	
	Partly successful	
	Not successful	
Why,	in your view, was the DLF programme successful (or not)?	

about implementing the DLF  The support from PDST advisors' face to face visits could be substituted for phone calls, emails and/or	learning/training for teachers should be delivered to clusters of schools rather than single schools  Professional learning/training for teachers should be delivered to clusters that combine both primary and post-primary schools  It would be feasible for me to take part in a webinar to learn more about implementing the DLF  The support from PDST advisors' face to face visits could be substituted for phone calls, emails and/or webinars  Professional learning/training for teachers should generally take a cross-curricular approach  Professional learning/training for teachers should generally take a subject-		Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree / disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
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# **Successes and challenges**

18. How would you rate the following elements of the DLF trial in contributing to the pro	ogramme's success
in your school?	

		Very important for the success of the programme	-	Not important for the success of the programme	Does not apply/Did not occur
Advance planning for the PDST visits on the part of the school					
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The engagement of school staff with the programme					
The support and guidance provided by the PDST advisor					
The tools and resources provided by the PDST advisor					
The professional development provided by the PDST advisor					
Discussion between the PDST advisor and school staff that resulted in clarity of the programme's purpose, goals and/or activities					
Discussion during the meetings that allayed potential concerns or identified solutions					
The opportunities afforded by the visits to develop shared understanding and collaboration among staff					
Sharing the learning of the Digital Learning Team across all staff in the school					
The leadership and direction for the programme provided by school management					
19. Please describe the things that contribu	ted to the sud	ccess of the p	rogramme in	your school b	pelow:

	Highly challenging	Moderately challenging	Somewhat challenging	Not at all challenging	Does not apply/did no occur
Staff culture and attitudes towards digital technologies leading to difficulties in 'buy-in' to the programme					
My level of competencies in managing and using digital technologies in teaching and learning					
The overall timeline for the trial					
Dedicated time for staff to attend PDST visit meetings					
Dedicated time for staff to implement the steps involved in the programme					
Digital technology infrastructure (e.g. number and quality of computing devices)					
Broadband connectivity/wifi connectivity or reliability					
Gathering evidence to support the work of the programme					
Sharing the learning of the Digital Learning Team across all staff in the school					
Providing overall leadership for the programme on the part of school management					
1. Please describe the challenges that affe	cted the impl	lementation o	of the progran	nme in your s	school

Thank you!