

School Support

We would like to remind you that the T4 team are available to provide school-based support to teachers of Construction Studies, DCG, Engineering and Technology throughout 2019-2020. This support focuses on developing teaching, learning and assessment practices in the T4 subjects.

Our advisors can support your school through a single, half-day school visit or through PDST's new sustained support model. **Please see attached our school-support brochure which describes this in more detail.**

Please note that substitution cover is not provided for the purpose of school visits. It is advised to book early as in the case where we are oversubscribed, allocation will be on a first-come-first-served basis.

Applying for School-Based Support

If you wish to apply for a school visit, you can do so at pdst.ie/schoolsupport. Please note that schools can submit only one application, however each application can include support in a number of subject / programme areas which must be approved by the school principal. You will need your school's roll number and the following password: **schoolsupport2019** to access the application form. If applying for support in T4, please tick the Senior Cycle Subject checkbox, type in T4 as your subject area and include the specific T4 subject area in the text box at the bottom of the form (see diagram below).

If your school has already applied for support in other areas, you will need to amend the existing application to include support for T4 by emailing schoolsupport@pdst.ie and requesting same.

The image shows a screenshot of the PDST school support application form. The form includes the following elements:

- Your Sector ***: A dropdown menu set to "Post-primary".
- Local Education Centre ***: An empty dropdown menu.
- Topics and Methodologies**: A list of checkboxes for various support topics. The "Senior Cycle Subject Support (please specify up to three options)" checkbox is checked and highlighted with a red box. Below it, a text box contains "T4", also highlighted with a red box.
- Instructions**: A blue box on the right contains two numbered instructions: "1. Please tick three topics of school support you wish PDST to provide (You will only be able to select a maximum of three)" and "2. Once you select a topic a box will appear. Please insert a number into this box detailing your priorities (number 1 being your highest priority, 2 your second highest priority and so on)". A pink box below it states: "PDST will not be providing individual school support in the area of Child Protection at present. Please see link for our supports in this regard."
- Footnote**: A note in Irish: "*Cuirtear tacaíocht ar fáil trí Ghaeilge do na scoileanna a mhúineann trí mheán na Gaeilge sna réimsí uile thuas luaite, chomh fada agus is féidir".
- Support Models**: A list of support models including "Whole school support day in August", "Whole Staff Support - 2 hours minimum", "In-school Support (e.g. meeting groups of teachers)", "In-class Support (e.g. in-class modelling of lessons)", and "Sustained school support (See application below)".
- Final Instructions**: A red box at the bottom left says "Please include any further detail on the support requested above to include SSE Subject Specific support if it has been identified by your school *". A larger red box at the bottom right says "Provide details of which T4 subject you would like support in and any other information which is relevant to your application."