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A number of issues regarding supervision and duty of care have recently arisen in schools. Determining acceptable levels of supervision and defining the school's duty of care is one issue that exercises the minds of many Boards of Management and principals. While there is no prescriptive answer provided by the DES, the liability of the BoM is predominantly based on judicial decisions and precedence in previous cases.

IPPN have compiled a number resource bundles on frequently-asked questions that IPPN's Leadership Support Service receive and provides best practice and advice. The Resource Bundle on Supervision & Duty of Care is available under the resources section of www.ippn.ie once you have logged on to the site. However, it is advisable that a school contact their school insurance provider to receive specific guidance regarding their individual circumstances.

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Planning

- Consult with staff around prioritising review of agreed curriculum and operational areas
- Arrange standardised assessment dates
- Ensure that Report Cards comply with NCCA templates
- Review IEP's as necessary
- Arrange review of existing In-Class support with Support Team and Class Teachers
- Review Early Intervention Programme