The Action Plan on Bullying, which was published in January 2013, sets out the Department of Education and Skills' approach to tackling bullying and promoting an anti-bullying culture in schools. The twelve actions in the plan focus on support for schools, teacher training, research and awareness raising and aim to ensure that all forms of bullying are addressed. Implementation of the actions in the Plan is ongoing and good progress has been made in all areas:

- **New Anti-Bullying Procedures**, which were published in September 2013, are currently being implemented by all 4,000 primary and post primary schools in the country. Training materials for parents, teachers and Boards of Management are being developed and rolled out. More information about free anti-bullying training for parents can be found [here](#).

- The Department supports a number of anti-bullying awareness raising initiatives including the Europe-wide Safer-Internet day and the Stand Up! Against Homophobic and Transphobic bullying campaign, organised by BeLonG To Youth Services. Funding is also provided to the internet safety initiative, Webwise, which has launched a number of resources aimed at tackling cyberbullying.

- **"Being LGBT in School"** A Resource for Post-Primary Schools to Prevent homophobic and Transphobic Bullying and Support LGBT Students was developed by the Gay and Lesbian Equality Network (GLEN) as part of the implementation of the Action Plan on Bullying. It will support schools in the implementation of the Department’s Anti-Bullying Procedures.

- A new national anti-bullying website, [www.tacklebullying.ie](http://www.tacklebullying.ie), was launched in November 2015. The website will provide a single point of information and support for young people, parents and teachers affected by bullying.

- In addition, two pieces of research suggested in the Plan around children with [special needs](#) and [social media](#) have been published.