

Renfrewshire Joint Negotiating Committee for Teachers

To: Renfrewshire Joint Negotiating Committee for Teachers

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School Security
Report by
Joint Secretary (Teachers' Side)

Background

Staff in secondary schools have voiced concerns regarding the ease with which premises can be accessed by individuals who are neither employees nor learners. Controlled points of access are easily bypassed which can lead to security alerts. Learners, in some cases, can exit and enter school premises at any time of the day without challenge. "Pupil only" entry points should be locked during class time to force pupils and visitors to enter through reception only.

Although incidents of this nature are rare, recent events in the USA remind us how important secure entry is to keep pupils and staff safe.

Action

JNC 5 stipulates that access to schools should be controlled. To alleviate staff concerns, a review of access to schools throughout the school day should be conducted, and, where necessary, improved measures implemented.