

Renfrewshire Joint Negotiating Committee for Teachers

To: Renfrewshire Joint Negotiating Committee for Teachers

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Covid Health and Safety Report by Joint Secretary (Teachers' Side)

Background

On 30 July 2020 the Deputy First Minister announced that the previously announced blended learning approach to a return to schools was no longer being adopted and that a full return to schools was proposed from 11 August 2020. This led to a requirement for previously agreed risk assessments to be updated and for health and safety mitigations to be adjusted to the new context. Teachers are expressing ongoing concerns around the maintenance of these mitigations which include physical distancing, hand washing/hand sanitiser, cleaning protocols, mask wearing, appropriate signage and timetabling.

Action

A proactive rather than a reactive approach to maintaining health and safety mitigations to be adopted in order to minimise the risk of Covid infection within Renfrewshire schools. This can be achieved by encouraging the setting up of weekly school Health and Safety Committees with a particular focus on Covid mitigations.