

Renfrewshire Joint Negotiating Committee for Teachers

To: Renfrewshire Joint Negotiating Committee for Teachers

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**Report by
Head of Service: Curriculum and Quality**

Digital School: Primary

1. Background

- 1.1. As a result of the NHS Public Health Test and Protect Programme, children and young people may be required to self-isolate for up to 14 days.
- 1.2. It is important that we ensure continuity of learning for any children and young people in this position.
- 1.3. It may not always be possible for the school to provide this additional support therefore we are developing an on-line digital school that can be accessed by children and young people from home.
- 1.4. Children and young people will access learning via either Microsoft Teams or Google classroom and will be supported by another teacher who is currently shielding and working from home.
- 1.5. Pupils who do not have access to a device and/or wifi will be provided with appropriate equipment to enable them to access the on-line support.
- 1.6. The role of the school will be to identify pupils who will require support and to liaise with the digital team and the teacher who is shielding to ensure that work being set is appropriate.
- 1.7. The role of the shielding teacher will be to set work for pupils in their digital class; provide feedback as appropriate; and be available to support for at least 2 hour per day.
- 1.8. Class sizes in the digital school will be no larger than 20 and will have no more than 2 stages.
- 1.9. Training will be provided to shielding teachers as required.
- 1.10. At this stage we cannot predict the demand for this programme therefore on-going evaluation will be necessary.

1.11. We intend to provide support to secondary pupils but have still to finalise the detail of this.

2. Recommendation

2.1. It is recommended that the JNC note the content of this report.