

Renfrewshire Joint Negotiating Committee for Teachers

To: Renfrewshire Joint Negotiating Committee for Teachers

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Phased Return to School 22 February 2021

Report by
Joint Secretary (Teachers' Side)

Background

It was recently announced by the Scottish Government that a potential phased return to schools is scheduled to begin on 22 February subject to a decrease in community infection levels. The Teachers' Side has concerns around the implications of the new Covid variants and is seeking dialogue with the Management Side prior to the phased return on 22 February. Areas for consideration to include: revised risk assessments; improved ventilation measures amidst increased risk from aerosol transmission; continuation of the practice of pupil bubbles; the maintaining of appropriate physical distancing to be re-emphasised; agreement around the protection of previously shielding, clinically vulnerable and pregnant staff i.e. working from home; employment of supply teachers to support the phased return to schools.

Action

A meeting between the Management and Teachers' Side to take place as a matter of urgency to address the Teachers' Side concerns.