

Renfrewshire Joint Negotiating Committee for Teachers

To: Renfrewshire Joint Negotiating Committee for Teachers

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**Report by
Head of Schools**

Covid-19 Update

1. Background

- 1.1 Following the decision by the Scottish Government, children and young people returned to full-time education in school or nursery from 12 August 2020.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to highlight the work of staff in schools to ensure continuity of learning for all our children and young people. This has been and continues to be extremely challenging and the thanks of the management side must go to all for their ongoing efforts.
- 1.3 Ongoing collaborative engagement with professional associations has been key to ensuring schools have been able to reopen. In line with national guidance. The role of JNC continues to be a highly significant part of continuing to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of all our employees.
- 1.4 Risk assessments continue to be amended and updated in line with national expectations as required. Where issues arise a collegiate approach is taken in order to mitigate risk and ensure the health, wellbeing and safety of the whole school community.
- 1.5 The council's confirmed case assessment (CCA) process ensures a swift response to any confirmed case of Covid-19 in a school establishment. Working closely with Public Health, close contacts are identified and appropriate staff and pupils self-isolate as required.
- 1.6 It is likely that ongoing restrictions will be in place for some time to come. As a consequence, ongoing engagement and collaboration will remain a significant aspect of the work of JNC throughout the remainder of this academic session. Regular meetings with teachers' side representatives will continue to ensure issues can be addressed as speedily as possible.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The JNC is asked to note the contents of this report and to acknowledge and thank all staff in schools for their ongoing efforts.