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(Coping DFM for awareness)

The First Minister is accompanying school pupils next week on the Lessons from Auschwitz trip to Poland.

The following media have confirmed their attendance on the trip:

- PA [REDACTED]
- Bauer radio [REDACTED]
- Global radio [REDACTED]
- STV [REDACTED]

Given the logistics of the day, I've agreed with them all that interviews with the First Minister and pupils will be embargoed until 00:01 on 31 October so it can run on bulletins for the full day and papers will get PA copy for that day too.

Holocaust Educational Trust also plan to issue the attached news release on Monday afternoon embargoed for Wednesday. They've asked for a quote and I've drafted the below.

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon said:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Holocaust Educational Trust has their own photographer who attends all the trips ([REDACTED] based in Scotland) who will be able to issue photos to media on the evening of the visit.

I will also get a clip of FM on our team camera for use on SG social media the following day.

The Trust is also keen for FM to write an op-ed after the visit to reflect on her experience. I will draft this next week and send separately for clearance. We will try and place it with a Sunday paper.

The above handling has been agreed between comms, policy and spads. Grateful for the First Minister's clearance by 10:00 Monday.

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

First Minister Communications

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First Minister of Scotland joins students on Holocaust Educational Trust visit to Auschwitz

- *Visit is part of the Lessons from Auschwitz Project by the Holocaust Educational Trust.*
- *Over 4,000 Scottish school students have participated to date.*

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon MSP has today joined 200 students and teachers from schools and colleges across Scotland on a visit to the former Nazi concentration and death camp Auschwitz-Birkenau as part of the Holocaust Educational Trust's *Lessons from Auschwitz* Project.

Now in its nineteenth year, the Project is based on the premise that "hearing is not like seeing". *Lessons from Auschwitz* has so far taken more than 4,000 Scottish students to the former concentration camp, as well as 550 Scottish teachers. Schools and colleges from each of the 32 local authorities from across Scotland have participated.

On the visit, the First Minister first visited Oświęcim, the town where the Nazi concentration and death camp was located and where, before the war, 58% of the population was Jewish. She and the students then visited Auschwitz I to see the former camp's barracks and crematoria and witnessed the piles of belongings that were seized by the Nazis.

Finally, they spent time at the main killing centre of Birkenau where the day concluded with candle lighting and a period of reflection to remember the 6 million Jews killed in the Holocaust and the other victims of Nazi persecution.

Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon said: [REDACTED]

Karen Pollock MBE, Chief Executive for the Holocaust Educational Trust said: ***"We are honoured that the First Minister has joined us on this trip to Auschwitz, which reflects her strong personal commitment to the work of the Holocaust Educational Trust.***

"The Lessons from Auschwitz Project is a vital part of our work, allowing young people to learn about the Holocaust in a way they cannot in the classroom. The visit enables young people to see for themselves where racism, prejudice and antisemitism can ultimately lead, and its importance is demonstrated by the inspiring work students go on to do in their local communities."

"This Project, which is only possible here with the support of the Scottish Government, leaves a lasting impact on participants. Standing beneath the Arbeit Macht Frei sign, walking down the iconic train tracks, and seeing the ruins of the gas chambers, is something that these young people never forget."

This year the Holocaust Educational Trust marks its 30th Anniversary, and earlier in October it ran its 200th *Lessons from Auschwitz* visit. So far more than 37,000 students from around the UK have participated in the programme.

-Ends-

For media inquiries, please contact [REDACTED]

NOTES TO EDITORS

About the Holocaust Educational Trust

The Holocaust Educational Trust was founded in 1988 during the passage of the War Crimes Act. Our aim is to raise awareness and understanding in schools and amongst the wider public of the Holocaust and its relevance today. We believe that the Holocaust must have a permanent place in our nation's collective memory.

We work in schools, colleges, and higher education institutions, providing teacher training workshops and lectures, as well as teaching aids and resource materials.

Hi

Please find attached the updated operational note for tomorrow.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 26 October 2018 13:32

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Events - First Minister - Ops note - Visit to Auschwitz - Birkenau – Lessons from Auschwitz programme on 30/10/18

Dear All

Please find attached ops note for the First Ministers visit to Auschwitz, Poland on Tuesday 30th October.

Thanks

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First Minister

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| Event: | Visit to Auschwitz - Birkenau – Lessons from Auschwitz programme | |
| Date: | Tuesday 30 October 2018 | |
| Time: | 05:30 – 22:40 | |
| Venue Contact: | Karen Pollock | [REDACTED] |
| Venue: | Auschwitz- Birkenau Poland | |
| SG Contacts: | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |
| | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |
| | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |
| | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] |
| Version: | Final | |
| Dress Code: | Casual - comfortable walking shoes and warm clothing is recommended as all the tours will be held outdoors. (Pupils will not be in uniform) | |
| Media Opp: | Media will be in attendance – FM Comms to advise. | |
| Description: | <p>First Minister will participate in the Holocaust Educational Trust (HET)'s Lessons from Auschwitz project, along with senior pupils from secondary school across Scotland.</p> <p>First Minister will participate in a site visit to Oświęcim and then a tour of Auschwitz along with a group of pupils from schools around Scotland. The final tour of Birkenau ends in a ceremony held next to the destroyed crematoria. The ceremony includes readings, a moment of reflection, ending with all participants lighting memorial candles.</p> <p>First Minister will be invited to sign their visitor's book and say a few words at the end of the tours.</p> | |

Programme:

05:00

First Minister arrives at Glasgow airport and will be escorted through security to the departure gate.

05.30

First Minister arrives at the departure gate and met by [REDACTED] to introduce the Holocaust Educational Trust team:

Karen Pollock, Chief Executive

Martin Winstone, Education Officer

Elaine Leppard, Senior Project Co-ordinator, Lessons from Auschwitz

Rosie Goldsmith, Project Co-ordinator, Lessons from Auschwitz

06:30

Flight departs.

A vegetarian breakfast will be served during the flight.

10:20

Arrive Kraków Airport.

Transfer through immigration and customs to allocated coaches.

11:00

Travel to Oświęcim.

12:00

Visit to Oświęcim sites.

12:30

Re-board the coaches for journey to Auschwitz I.

12:50

Guided tour of Auschwitz I.

First Minister will be given headphones for the walking tour.

At the end of the tour, **First Minister** will sign their Visitor's Book - This will be positioned outside the Crematorium.

14:50

Re-board the coaches for journey to Birkenau.

15:05

On arrival in the Birkenau camp we will be joined by Rabbi Daniel Epstein from Cockfosters and New Southgate Synagogue in London.

15:30

First Minister will undertake media bids.

Tour of Birkenau.

17:15

The tour will finish with a Memorial service at the ruins of Crematoria II, Birkenau. The ceremony will be led by Martin Winstone and Rabbi Daniel Epstein.

Four student participants will each read a poem focused on the Holocaust and remembrance.

Karen will say a few words and then invite the **First Minister** to say a few words (from the floor).

Rabbi Epstein will recite prayers and ask all participants to light candles which the Trust provides on the day.

18:00

Re-board the coaches for the journey to Kraków Airport.

19:00

Arrive Kraków Airport.

20:30

Flight departs.

A vegetarian meal will be served during the flight.

22:40

Arrive at Glasgow Airport and transfer to car.

First Minister departs.

EVENT ENDS

Hi [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Ahead of the *Lessons from Auschwitz* Project visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau next Tuesday from Glasgow airport, please find attached a briefing for the First Minister comprised of the following documents:

- Background information about the *Lessons from Auschwitz* Project – part 1
- Itinerary for the one day visit – Part 2
- Information about the Holocaust Educational Trust – Part 3
- Biographies – Part 4
- A list of schools participating on the project
- Our current *Lessons from Auschwitz* Project brochure

If you would like to speak about any aspect of the visit ahead of Tuesday then please don't hesitate to be in touch.

[REDACTED], I understand you spoke to [REDACTED] today but if you / your colleagues think it will be useful to have a further call ahead of next week's visit then please say.

My colleagues and I look forward to meeting you next week.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

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