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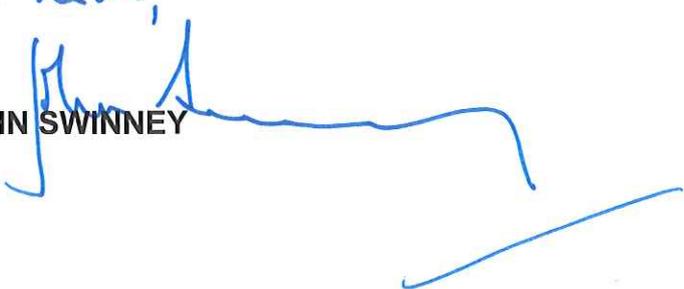
Dear colleague

The Education Continuity Direction given on 21 May 2020, under the powers conferred by the Coronavirus Act 2020, ran for a period of 21 days and therefore expires today. Following a review, and having had regard to the advice of the Chief Medical Officer for Scotland, I have concluded that it is still necessary and proportionate to give a direction providing important clarity on the expectations of education authorities during the current public health emergency.

I therefore enclose the Educational Continuity (No.2) Direction, given under paragraph 11(1) of schedule 17 (Temporary Continuity Directions etc: Education, Training and Childcare: Scotland) of the Coronavirus Act 2020, which is in force from 11 June 2020. I also enclose an associated Guidance Note.

This Direction replaces that given on 21 May. It continues to support and provide a legal basis for key aspects of the Strategic Framework published by the Covid-19 Education Recovery Group on 21 May. We can anticipate that further Educational Continuity Directions will be required over the coming months.

I am grateful for your continuing commitment to meet the great challenges currently facing our education system.

You and,

JOHN SWINNEY

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I therefore enclose the Educational Continuity (No.3) Direction, given under paragraph 11(1) of schedule 17 (Temporary Continuity Directions etc: Education, Training and Childcare: Scotland) of the Coronavirus Act 2020, which is in force from 2 July 2020. I also enclose an associated Guidance Note.

As set out in my statement to the Scottish Parliament on 23 June, our current planning presumption is to prepare for children to be able to return to school full time from August. On 24 June, the First Minister also announced that all remaining childcare providers will be able to reopen from 15 July 2020, if they wish to do so. However, as made clear in both announcements, the reopening of schools and childcare remains conditional and dependent upon ongoing scientific and health advice.

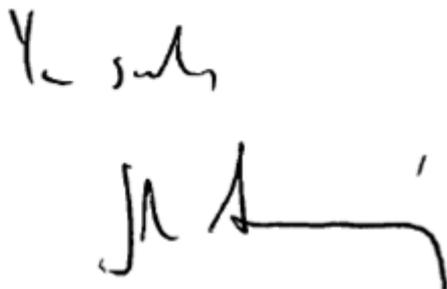
This direction will expire on 22 July 2020 and we can anticipate that further Educational Continuity Directions will be required as detail emerges from the Covid-19 Education Recovery Group and the public health review on 9 July.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Swinney', written in a cursive style.

JOHN SWINNEY

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