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Enclosure No. 1: Letter from member of public to FM re concern for head teachers & senior management during coronavirus pandemic

From: [redacted]

Sent: 19 June 2020 15:41

To: First Minister

Subject: Health&Wellbeing of Head Teachers Covid 19

Dear Mrs Sturgeon,

Firstly may I sincerely thank you for the way you have managed and controlled this pandemic for Scotland; our country owes you a debt of gratitude and we are lucky to have a First Minister who is honest and speaks with dignity and common sense. I know this pandemic must be causing you untold stress and is not without its' effects on your health and wellbeing. So I hope you are looking after yourself.

It is with this in mind that I just want to highlight my concerns for Head Teachers and senior management, particularly in recent weeks. I am not one myself but my own HT and sister are, and I am becoming increasingly concerned over the hours they need to work in order to get our pupils back into schools. With constant review of guidelines by the hour and directives coming from Local Authorities and the Government, and now, at the 11th hour, HMiE, how on earth will they be physically and mentally able to lead their schools come August? Working at home to the detriment of their families, or being in school til all hours comes at a price. I dont think parents have any idea of the work behind the scenes and I think it would go some way to mention this at a news briefing so at the very least, they feel appreciated. Staff have been using their own phones to phone vulnerable children, have used their own laptops, mobile devices to keep pupils learning going with rising wifi and electricity and phone bills. Teachers are used to spending their own money for school resources - pencils, printers, laminators, pupil gifts, books etc but now we are spending even more.

I hope you get the opportunity to read this and appreciate my concerns; if staff are to help pupils even more come August, then HTs need to be given the time to recuperate so they can lead their staff to the best of their ability.

Again, thank you for all you have done and continue to do.

Yours sincerely,

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