

Response

The First Minister announced on 4 January 2021 a legal requirement to stay at home except for essential purposes. Schools and ELC settings would remain closed for the majority of pupils, except vulnerable children and children of key workers. This was a precautionary measure, based on the increased number of COVID-19 cases in Scotland, the growing proportion of these being of the new variant of COVID-19, and the high level of community transmission taking place. At the time, the First Minister made it clear that the priority was to reopen school buildings again for all children and young people, as quickly as possible, and to keep them open.

Under section 25(1) of FOISA, we do not have to give you information which is already reasonably accessible to you. If, however, you do not have internet access to obtain this information from the website(s) listed, then please contact me again and I will send you a paper copy.

Coronavirus (COVID19): Advisory Sub-Group on Education and Children's Issues – advice on mitigations to minimise transmission of COVID-19 during phased return to in-person learning
[Coronavirus \(COVID19\): Advisory Sub-Group on Education and Children's Issues – advice on mitigations to minimise transmission during phased return to in-person learning - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#) – 12 February 2021

COVID-19 Education Recovery Group: children and young people infographic
Infographics providing a weekly snapshot of current COVID-related data in relation to children and young people, and their associated workforce, such as the number of tests and positive cases reported, and the attendance and absence of both children and staff in childcare and school settings.
[COVID-19 Education Recovery Group: children and young people infographic - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#) – 11 February 2021

Coronavirus (COVID19): Advisory Sub-Group on Education and Children's Issues – advice on phased return to in-person learning in schools and early learning and childcare (ELC) settings
[Coronavirus \(COVID19\): Advisory Sub-Group on Education and Children's Issues – advice on phased return to in-person learning in schools and early learning and childcare \(ELC\) settings - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#) – 3 February 2021

Coronavirus (COVID-19) update: First Minister's statement - 2 February 2021
[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) update: First Minister's statement - 2 February 2021 - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#) – 2 February 2021

Coronavirus (COVID 19): Advisory Sub-Group on Education and Children's Issues minutes: 12 January 2021
[Coronavirus \(COVID 19\): Advisory Sub-Group on Education and Children's Issues minutes: 12](#)

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[January 2021 - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot)

Coronavirus (COVID-19): Advisory Sub-Group on Education and Children's Issues - evidence on children, schools, early learning and childcare settings and transmission- summary report
[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Advisory Sub-Group on Education and Children's Issues - evidence on children, schools, early learning and childcare settings and transmission- summary report - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot) – 28 January 2021

Coronavirus (COVID 19): Advisory Sub-Group on Education and Children's Issues minutes: 6 January 2021
[Coronavirus \(COVID 19\): Advisory Sub-Group on Education and Children's Issues minutes: 6 January 2021 - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot) – 15 January 2021

COVID-19 in Children and Young People: Literature Scanning Report 10 – 1 January 2021

Coronavirus (COVID 19): Advisory Sub-Group on Education and Children's Issues minutes: 15 December 2020
[Coronavirus \(COVID 19\): Advisory Sub-Group on Education and Children's Issues minutes: 15 December 2020 - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot) – 23 December 2020

Coronavirus (COVID 19): Advisory Sub-Group on Education and Children's Issues minutes: 1 December 2020
[Coronavirus \(COVID 19\): Advisory Sub-Group on Education and Children's Issues minutes: 1 December 2020 - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot) – 21 December 2020

Coronavirus (COVID 19): Advisory Sub-Group on Education and Children's Issues – advisory note on school holidays over the festive season
[Coronavirus \(COVID 19\): Advisory Sub-Group on Education and Children's Issues – advisory note on school holidays over the festive season](http://www.gov.scot) – 3 December 2020

Advisory Sub-Group on Education and Children's Issues - evidence on children, schools, early learning and childcare settings and transmission- summary report
[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Advisory Sub-Group on Education and Children's Issues - evidence on children, schools, early learning and childcare settings and transmission from covid-19 - summary report](http://www.gov.scot) – 3 December 2020

Coronavirus (COVID-19): Advisory Sub-Group on Education and Children's Issues - advice on face coverings, physical distancing and related matters
[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Advisory Sub-Group on Education and Children's Issues - advice on face coverings, physical distancing and related matters](http://www.gov.scot) – 8 December 2020

Coronavirus (COVID 19): Advisory Sub-Group on Education and Children's Issues minutes: 17 November 2020
[Coronavirus \(COVID 19\): Advisory Sub-Group on Education and Children's Issues minutes: 17 November 2020 - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot) – 25 November 2020
Scottish Government COVID-19 Advisory Group minutes: 21 January 2021

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[Scottish Government COVID-19 Advisory Group minutes: 21 January 2021 - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#)
– 9 February 2021

Coronavirus (COVID19): Advisory Sub-Group on Education and Children’s Issues – advice on phased return to in-person learning in schools and early learning and childcare (ELC) settings
[Coronavirus \(COVID19\): Advisory Sub-Group on Education and Children’s Issues – advice on phased return to in-person learning in schools and early learning and childcare \(ELC\) settings - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#) – 3 February 2021

Scottish Government COVID-19 Advisory Group minutes: 7 January 2021 [Scottish Government COVID-19 Advisory Group minutes: 7 January 2021 - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#) – 1 February 2021

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Scottish Government COVID-19 Advisory Group minutes: 30 December 2020
[Scottish Government COVID-19 Advisory Group minutes: 30 December 2020 - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#) – 28 January 2021

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The impact of COVID-19 on education and children’s services
[The impact of COVID-19 on education and Children's services - Committees - UK Parliament](#) – 19 January 2021

Seventy-sixth SAGE meeting on Covid-19, 14th January 2021 Held via Video Teleconference
[SAGE 76 minutes: Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) response, 14 January 2021 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#) – 14 January 2021

Scottish Government COVID-19 Advisory Group minutes: 3 December 2020
[Scottish Government COVID-19 Advisory Group minutes: 3 December 2020 - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#) – 22 December 2021

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[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance on reducing the risks in schools](#)
Non-statutory guidance to ensure a safe and supportive environment for learning and teaching during the coronavirus pandemic.
[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance on reducing the risks in schools - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#) – 14 December 2020

COVID-19 in Children and Young People: Literature Scanning Report 9 – 11 December 2020

COVID-19 in Children and Young People: Literature Scanning Report 8 (supplement - transmission) – 11 December 2020

Coronavirus (COVID-19): Advisory Sub-Group on Education and Children’s Issues - advice on face coverings, physical distancing and related matters
[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Advisory Sub-Group on Education and Children’s Issues - advice on face coverings, physical distancing and related matters - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#) – 8 December 2020

Coronavirus (COVID 19): Advisory Sub-Group on Education and Children’s Issues – advisory note on school holidays over the festive season
[Coronavirus \(COVID 19\): Advisory Sub-Group on Education and Children’s Issues – advisory note on](#)

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[school holidays over the festive season - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#) – 3 December 2021

Coronavirus (COVID-19): Advisory Sub-Group on Education and Children’s Issues - evidence on children, schools, early learning and childcare settings and transmission from covid-19 - summary report

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Advisory Sub-Group on Education and Children’s Issues - evidence on children, schools, early learning and childcare settings and transmission- summary report - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#) – 3 December 2021

COVID-19 in Children and Young People: Literature Scanning Report 8 – 27 November 2020

COVID-19 in Children and Young People: Literature Scanning Report 7 – 6 November 2020

Sixty-fifth SAGE meeting on Covid-19, 4th November 2020 Held via Zoom Role of children in transmission of SARS-CoV-2 – **4 November 2020**

[SAGE 65 minutes: Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) response, 4 November 2020 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#) – 4 November 2020

Considerations for implementing and adjusting public health and social measures in the context of COVID-19: interim guidance, 4 November 2020

[Considerations for implementing and adjusting public health and social measures in the context of COVID-19: interim guidance, 4 November 2020 \(who.int\)](#) – 4 November 2020

COVID-19 in Children and Young People: Literature Scanning Report 6 – 30 October 2020

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