

From: [Bray O \(Ollie\)](#)
To: [Redacted]
Subject: 18 June 2021 08:24:32
Date:

RE: Israel Palestine

I'll do that now.

OB

From: [REDACTED]<[REDACTED]@educationscotland.gov.scot>
Sent: 18 June 2021 08:22
To: Bray O (Ollie) <Ollie.Bray@educationscotland.gov.scot>; [REDACTED]
[Redacted] @educationscotland.gov.scot>; [REDACTED]
[Redacted] @educationscotland.gov.scot>; [REDACTED]
[Redacted] @educationscotland.gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Israel Palestine

Morning All

Have we alerted [REDACTED]at SG to this?

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Senior Education Officer
Education Scotland

From: Bray O (Ollie) <Ollie.Bray@educationscotland.gov.scot>
Sent: 18 June 2021 08:01
To: [Redacted] [@educationscotland.gov.scot](#)>; [REDACTED]
[Redacted] [@educationscotland.gov.scot](#)>; [REDACTED]
[Redacted] [@educationscotland.gov.scot](#)>; [REDACTED]
[Redacted] [@educationscotland.gov.scot](#)>
Subject: RE: Israel Palestine

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for the heads up about this.

Also, thanks everyone for contributing to the Cab Sec briefing – I can confirm that it went up to Ms Somerville's office yesterday morning.

I will let you know if she comes back with questions for clarification.

Thanks again everyone – have a great weekend when it arrives.

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From: [Redacted] [@educationscotland.gov.scot](#)>
Sent: 18 June 2021 07:59

To: [Redacted] @educationscotland.gov.scot>; Bray O (Ollie)
<Ollie.Bray@educationscotland.gov.scot>; [REDACTED]
[Redacted] @educationscotland.gov.scot>; [REDACTED]
[Redacted] @educationscotland.gov.scot>

Subject: Israel Palestine

Morning folks,

Just to make you aware that there was some talk on Twitter last night about the Israel Palestine resource. There is now a petition to have a resource for schools. They were also talking about wanting the resource that had originally been on Glow updated and put on the NIH.

Here is the link to the petition: <https://petitions.parliament.scot/petitions/PE1879>

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Senior Education Officer [REDACTED]

Forth Valley & West Lothian Regional Team

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[REDACTED]

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From: [Redacted] on behalf of [OCEX Hub](#)
To: [Minister for HE, FE, Youth Employment and Training](#); [OCEX Hub](#); [Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills](#); [Minister for Children & Young People](#)
Cc: [DG Education & Justice](#); [Redacted] ; [Gorman G \(Gayle\)](#); [Bray O \(Ollie\)](#); [Director of Learning](#); [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Submission to Ministers - Israel Palestine Resource - 17 June 2021 - Routine
Date: 18 June 2021 11:06:00
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for your message.

Please let can you let Mr Hepburn know that our curriculum team noticed some activity on social media around the resource, hence why Education Scotland felt it might be useful to provide an up-date.

However, please can I also ask you to note that since we issued this advice yesterday a [petition \(PE1879\)](#) regarding the resource has been opened on the Scottish Parliament website. Potentially this will lead to increased communication regarding the resources with the Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

Please let me know if you need any further clarity.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [Redacted] @gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for HE, FE, Youth Employment and Training
Sent: 18 June 2021 10:25
To: OCEX Hub <EdS_OCEX@educationscotland.gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills <CabSecES@gov.scot>; Minister for HE, FE, Youth Employment and Training <MinisterHEFEYET@gov.scot>; Minister for Children & Young People <MinisterCYP@gov.scot>
Cc: DG Education & Justice <dgej@gov.scot>; [Redacted] @gov.scot>; [Redacted] @gov.scot>; Gorman G (Gayle) <Gayle.Gorman@educationscotland.gov.scot>; Bray O (Ollie) <Ollie.Bray@educationscotland.gov.scot>; Director of Learning <DirectorofLearning@gov.scot>; [Redacted] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED]
[Redacted] @educationscotland.gov.scot>; [REDACTED]
[Redacted] @educationscotland.gov.scot>; [REDACTED]
[Redacted] @educationscotland.gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Submission to Ministers - Israel Palestine Resource - 17 June 2021 - Routine

[REDACTED]

Mr Hepburn has noted the submission for his interests but has asked what has prompted it?

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Private Secretary –Minister for Higher/Further Education, Youth Employment and Training –

Jamie Hepburn MSP

St Andrews House, Regent Road, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG - [REDACTED]

Email: MinisterHEFEYET@gov.scot

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Indeed [REDACTED]

Totally agree with [REDACTED], but happy to review and assist with response.

Best wishes,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Senior Education Officer [REDACTED]
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From: [Redacted] [\[REDACTED\]@educationscotland.gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@educationscotland.gov.scot)
Sent: 09 June 2021 17:21
To: [Redacted] [\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot); [REDACTED]
[Redacted] [\[REDACTED\]@educationscotland.gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@educationscotland.gov.scot)
Cc: [Redacted] [\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot); [Redacted] [\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot);
[Redacted] [\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot)
Subject: RE: newsround [REDACTED] primary school

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for taking this on and, as you say, it is a matter for schools and local authorities.

Of course, happy to review and contribute where I can.

[REDACTED]

From: [Redacted] [\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot)
Sent: 09 June 2021 17:12
To: [Redacted] [\[REDACTED\]@educationscotland.gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@educationscotland.gov.scot); [REDACTED]
[Redacted] [\[REDACTED\]@educationscotland.gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@educationscotland.gov.scot)
Cc: [Redacted] [\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot); [REDACTED] <[Redacted]@gov.scot>;
[Redacted] [\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot)
Subject: FW: newsround [REDACTED] primary school

[REDACTED]/[REDACTED],

I sent on the Guardian report earlier re. some controversy over teaching of Israel/Palestine issue in England.

[REDACTED]

Given my previous involvement in the earlier Israel/Palestine education resource, I'm happy to draft a core response (matter for schools, guidance available to schools re. dealing with sensitive topics, principles of good teaching in modern studies/current events etc...) but will seek some contributions and review from you guys, if that's OK.

CC'd to [REDACTED]/[REDACTED] for info/awareness given social subjects link. You guys are more than welcome to take these on, but I am happy to draft up if you'd prefer.

[REDACTED]

Team Leader, Curriculum, Parental Engagement and Pupil Participation

Mobile: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 09 June 2021 17:07

To: [Redacted] <[\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot)>

Cc: [Redacted] <[\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot)>

Subject: RE: newsround [REDACTED]primary school

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Team Leader, Curriculum, Parental Engagement and Pupil Participation

Mobile: [REDACTED]

From: [Redacted] <[\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot)>

Sent: 09 June 2021 15:49

To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> [Redacted] <[\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot)>

Cc: [Redacted] <[REDACTED]> [Redacted] <[\[REDACTED\]@gov.scot](mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot)>

Subject: FW: newsround [REDACTED] primary school

Hi [REDACTED]

To see the case below that has come to [REDACTED] on Israel and Palestine which I think is work you have mentioned being involved in in the past? I am not sure if this would be something for ES to lead on?

Grateful for your thoughts.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Parental Engagement and Pupil Participation Policy Officer | Curriculum Unit
| Directorate for Learning | Scottish Government |

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From: [Redacted]
To: [Redacted] RE:
Subject: Israel Palestine
Date: 04 May 2021 07:41:27

Will do [REDACTED]

Best wishes,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Senior Education Officer [REDACTED]
Forth Valley & West Lothian Regional Team
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Almondvale Way
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[REDACTED]

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From: [Redacted] @educationscotland.gov.scot>
Sent: 04 May 2021 07:40
To: [Redacted] @educationscotland.gov.scot>; [REDACTED]
[Redacted] @educationscotland.gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Israel Palestine

Morning [REDACTED]

Yes, I think that would be a good idea. You want to email him since it's been prompted by things you've identified?

[REDACTED]

From: [Redacted] @educationscotland.gov.scot>
Sent: 03 May 2021 09:36
To: [Redacted] @educationscotland.gov.scot>; [REDACTED]
[Redacted] @educationscotland.gov.scot>
Subject: Israel Palestine

Good morning.

I was thinking about the fact that both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have now gone, and the history of this issue probably has not been passed on to Ollie. I came across a post on Facebook the other night by a teacher in [REDACTED] (using our logo) telling people to send [REDACTED] resources and [REDACTED] would have them put on the NIH. I have managed to get to the bottom of this now and hopefully it has been sorted out. I also had an issue with a partner organisation recently saying that they had materials put on Glow by one of our teams. I wondered if it would be sensible for us to ask for a short meeting with Ollie to explain the background to us not putting external resources on our websites?

Best wishes,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Senior Education Officer [REDACTED]
Forth Valley & West Lothian Regional Team
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[REDACTED]

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From: [Redacted]
To: [Redacted FW: Israel
Subject: Palestine 23 June 2021
Date: 14:30:22

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 May 2021 09:36
To: [Redacted] @educationscotland.gov.scot>; [REDACTED]
[Redacted] @educationscotland.gov.scot>
Subject: Israel Palestine

Good morning.

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Best wishes,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Senior Education Officer [REDACTED]
Forth Valley & West Lothian Regional Team
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[REDACTED]

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From: [Redacted]
To: [Redacted FW:
Subject: Israel Palestine 23
Date: June 2021 14:29:44

[REDACTED]
Senior Education Officer [REDACTED]
Forth Valley & West Lothian Regional Team
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[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 May 2021 17:37
To: [Redacted] @educationscotland.gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Israel Palestine

Hi [REDACTED],
I hope you are well. I would be really grateful if you could find half an hour in Ollie's diary for [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and I to have a quick chat with him regarding below. Many thanks,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Senior Education Officer [REDACTED]
Forth Valley & West Lothian Regional Team
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[REDACTED]

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From: Bray O (Ollie) <Ollie.Bray@educationscotland.gov.scot>
Sent: 04 May 2021 08:41
To: [Redacted] @educationscotland.gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted] @educationscotland.gov.scot>; [REDACTED]
[Redacted] @educationscotland.gov.scot>; [REDACTED]
[Redacted] @educationscotland.gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Israel Palestine

No problem [REDACTED].

@ [REDACTED] will help us find a diary time (although she is on annual leave today).

From: [Redacted] <[\[Redacted\]@educationscotland.gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@educationscotland.gov.scot)>
Sent: 04 May 2021 08:38
To: Bray O (Ollie) <Ollie.Bray@educationscotland.gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted] <[\[Redacted\]@educationscotland.gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@educationscotland.gov.scot)>; [REDACTED]
[Redacted] <[\[Redacted\]@educationscotland.gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@educationscotland.gov.scot)>
Subject: Israel Palestine

Hi Ollie,

I hope you are well and had a lovely holiday weekend.

I was hoping that [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and I might have half an hour of your time to bring you up to date on the Israel Palestine issue? I am aware that with both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] gone, you may not have been apprised of this situation and the ongoing implications across the organisation.

Best wishes,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Senior Education Officer [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

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From: [Redacted]
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Meeting regarding Israel/Palestine
Date: 03 June 2021 17:17:00

Thanks that will be helpful.

[REDACTED]

From: [Redacted] <[\[Redacted\]@educationscotland.gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@educationscotland.gov.scot)>
Sent: 03 June 2021 17:14
To: [Redacted] <[\[Redacted\]@educationscotland.gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@educationscotland.gov.scot)>
Subject: RE: Meeting regarding Israel/Palestine

Hi [REDACTED], [REDACTED] has confirmed his attendance [REDACTED]

From: [Redacted] <[\[Redacted\]@educationscotland.gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@educationscotland.gov.scot)>
Sent: 03 June 2021 09:32
To: [Redacted] <[\[Redacted\]@educationscotland.gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@educationscotland.gov.scot)>
Subject: RE: Meeting regarding Israel/Palestine

Hi [REDACTED]

I meant to say that I think [REDACTED] should be invited to this meeting too. After [REDACTED] left, [REDACTED] brought [REDACTED] in to formulate responses going forward –since I was now in Regional Directorate and DFM and ES considered this matter closed.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 June 2021 17:14
To: [Redacted] <[\[Redacted\]@educationscotland.gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@educationscotland.gov.scot)>
Subject: RE: Meeting regarding Israel/Palestine

Hi [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was CC'd into the emails since she line manages [REDACTED] and me.

I'd suggest sending the invite to [REDACTED] too and she can accept/decline as she sees fit. [REDACTED]

From: [Redacted] <[\[Redacted\]@educationscotland.gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@educationscotland.gov.scot)>
Sent: 01 June 2021 17:11
To: [Redacted] <[\[Redacted\]@educationscotland.gov.scot](mailto:[Redacted]@educationscotland.gov.scot)>
Subject: Meeting regarding Israel/Palestine

Hi [REDACTED]

I hope you are well, I was off work for a few days last week and just want to check with you that the invite for this meeting doesn't include [REDACTED]? I had her down on my original list but was unsure if she was able to make it or not therefore not on the final

invite?

Kind regards / Deagh dhurachdan

[REDACTED]

PA to Ollie Bray, Strategic Director
Education Scotland

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Tel / Fòn: [REDACTED]

Website / Làraich-lìn: www.educationscotland.gov.uk

From: [Redacted]
To:
Subject: FW: 'Serious concerns': UK education row as Israel-Palestine textbooks pulled | History | The Guardian
Date: 23 June 2021 14:29:17

[REDACTED]
Senior Education Officer [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 June 2021 09:16
To: [Redacted] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED]
[Redacted] @educationscotland.gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted] @gov.scot>
Subject: RE: 'Serious concerns': UK education row as Israel-Palestine textbooks pulled | History | The Guardian

Thanks [REDACTED],

I have certainly been waiting for something to come along, given the tense nature of the international situation. [REDACTED] and I have a meeting with Ollie tomorrow to bring him up to speed with the history within ES.

Best wishes,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Senior Education Officer [REDACTED]
Forth Valley & West Lothian Regional Team
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[REDACTED]

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From: [Redacted] @gov.scot>
Sent: 09 June 2021 08:19
To: [Redacted] @educationscotland.gov.scot>; [REDACTED]
[Redacted] @educationscotland.gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted] @gov.scot>
Subject: FW: 'Serious concerns': UK education row as Israel-Palestine textbooks pulled | History | The Guardian

Importance: Low

[REDACTED]/[REDACTED],

I'm not sure if you seen the media coverage of this education issue in England?
Sharing for awareness only, given previous experience with the Israel/Palestine
education resource here in Scotland.

[REDACTED]

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2021/jun/08/uk-history-education-row-israel-palestine-textbooks-pulled>

From: [Redacted]
To:
Subject: FW: Weekly update w/e 11 June
Date: 23 June 2021 14:27:16

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 June 2021 08:28
To: [Redacted] @educationscotland.gov.scot>
Subject: Weekly update w/e 11 June

Good morning [REDACTED],
I hope you had a lovely weekend.
[REDACTED]
I met with [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and Ollie about Israel/Palestine issues. It was a timely meeting given we had a MiCase about a resource being used in a North Lanarkshire primary school. Ollie agreed that it was important that both Gayle and our new Cab Sec were made aware of some of the previous issues to avoid any potential pitfalls.
[REDACTED]
Have a great day!
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Senior Education Officer [REDACTED]
Forth Valley & West Lothian Regional Team
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Denholm House
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[REDACTED]

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From: [Redacted]
To:
Subject: RE: Discussion on Israel Palestine
Date: 15 June 2021 08:37:33

Many thanks!

Best,

[REDACTED]

From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@educationscotland.gov.scot>
Sent: 15 June 2021 08:34
To: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@educationscotland.gov.scot>; [REDACTED]
[Redacted] <[Redacted]@educationscotland.gov.scot>; [REDACTED]
[Redacted] <[Redacted]@educationscotland.gov.scot>; Bray O (Ollie)
<Ollie.Bray@educationscotland.gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Discussion on Israel Palestine

Morning all

[REDACTED], thanks for pulling this together – quite a job to summarise such a long process.

I've made some amendments/ corrections as attached while trying to retain the necessary brevity.

Happy to discuss.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Senior Education Officer
Education Scotland

From: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@educationscotland.gov.scot>
Sent: 14 June 2021 10:38
To: [Redacted] <[Redacted]@educationscotland.gov.scot>; [REDACTED]
[Redacted] <[Redacted]@educationscotland.gov.scot>; [REDACTED]
<[Redacted]@educationscotland.gov.scot>; Bray O (Ollie)
<Ollie.Bray@educationscotland.gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Discussion on Israel Palestine

Morning all,

Following last week's discussion, please find attached a starter for ten on advice to the Cab Sec on this matter.

A couple of outstanding points:

1. **[REDACTED]**, grateful for lines on the publication guidance (i.e. what changes have been made since the original Glow Blog to reduce the chance of a repeat).
2. **[REDACTED]**, I've deliberately minimised contextual / non-recent information to keep the focus on the matter being closed and ES's firm position on this. However, I appreciate the baby might have been chucked out with the bath water; any additions welcome.
3. **Ollie**, I've left the submission nameless for now; grateful if you could confirm who's name you want the submission issued in (I had my name down initially, but that might just leave others wondering why the Indy Schools guy is working on this).

Grateful for any other additions / thoughts by close 15 June 2021 if possible please.

Best,

[REDACTED]