

**Correspondence between Educational Institute of Scotland (EIS) and the Scottish Government on face coverings in advance of the Autumn term**

**A - Email Correspondence**

Fri 02/07/2021 17:36

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EIS Comments on 30th June Meeting Papers

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Hi All

Comments on Paper 2 attached as requested; and now having had more time to consider its full detail, for Paper 1.

Thanks and best wishes

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Domestic abuse an issue? The Scottish Domestic Abuse and Forced Marriage Helpline [can be found here:](#)

**A - Comments on draft documents attached to email**

NB: Correspondence included draft guidance, the relevant extract from that guidance stated:

- *Requirement for face coverings in certain settings (e.g. public transport, retail).*

The comment provided by EIS representatives in response to the line above was:

*School settings where ventilation is poor*

## **B - Email Correspondence**

Wed 21/07/2021 20:17

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RE: Eighth Contingency Planning and Readiness Working Group Meeting - Agenda, Papers and MS Teams joining details

Hi [redacted]

Some comments on paper 1 and some further detail re ventilation (as requested at Friday's meeting) are attached.

Almost all of the comments that I sent after Friday's meeting apply to this version of the paper too. It seems that only a small number have been taken on board.

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**Subject:** Eighth Contingency Planning and Readiness Working Group Meeting - Agenda, Papers and MS Teams joining details

Dear All

Please find attached for tomorrow's Contingency Planning and Readiness Working Group.

- [Agenda](#)
- [Paper 1: Draft 'Back to Schools' Guidance – 16 pages](#)
- [Paper 2: Draft 'Mitigations for Schools' paper – 44 pages](#)
- [MS Teams dial in details](#)

These papers have also been circulated to CERG members this afternoon. With apologies for the short deadline, we will be happy to take any feedback/comments tomorrow at the meeting and, if at

all possible, ask that any other comments are with us – particularly on the Back to Schools Guidance - by **noon on Thursday** please.

See those who can make it tomorrow.

Thanks

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#### **AGENDA**

- Update on progress with guidance documents – draft versions of return to school guidance and draft mitigations document enclosed
- Next Steps
- Any other issues

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## **B - Comments on draft documents attached to email**

NB: Correspondence included draft guidance, the relevant extract from that guidance stated:

- **Face coverings** should continue to be worn by all staff and young people in secondary schools, and by all staff in primary schools, **in communal areas and when moving around the school building**. As previously, careful attention should be given to the position of individuals with additional support needs when implementing this mitigation

The comment provided by EIS representatives in response to the line above was:

*It should be made at this point too that staff and pupils can continue to wear face coverings in classrooms should they choose to do so.*