

Enclosure 1
Email chain from DFE to SG arranging meeting

From: [redacted section 38 (1) (b)] @education.gov.uk>
Sent: 23 September 2021 11:27
To: [redacted section 38 (1) (b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted section 38 (1) (b)]@gov.scot>
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Subject: RE: REQUEST FOR MEETING - Elective Home Education policy - DfE

Hi,

Thanks all. I think that covers everyone?

Looks like 7th October at 3 – 4 is the winner.

Invite to follow.

Kind regards,
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Hi [redacted section 38 (1) (b)],

Looking forward to meeting with you. For Child Protection, it will be myself, [redacted section 38 (1) (b)] and [redacted section 38 (1) (b)], it looks like we can do 7th October 3-4 and also the afternoon of the 14th.

Thanks,

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From: [redacted section 38 (1) (b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: 23 September 2021 10:25
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Hi [redacted section 38 (1) (b)],

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Hi

Our unit have an interest in protection aspects and [redacted section 38 (1) (b)] is our lead. SG leads on home education are [redacted section 38 (1) (b)], [redacted section 38 (1) (b)] and [redacted section 38 (1) (b)]. Grateful if you could also involve the unit's two professional advisers – [redacted section 38 (1) (b)] and [redacted section 38 (1) (b)]. All copied in.

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From: [redacted section 38 (1) (b)]@education.gov.uk>

Sent: 17 September 2021 09:57

To: [redacted section 38 (1) (b)]@gov.scot>

Subject: REQUEST FOR MEETING - Elective Home Education policy - DfE

Good morning,

I hope you are well.

I am a Policy Advisor for Elective Home Education (EHE) at DfE.

Further to the below email chain, I am hoping you are the EHE policy lead within Scottish Gov? We are keen to catch up with policy leads in the respective nations on EHE. If you are happy to meet with DfE over teams, I can send across some dates for early October?

To give you the heads up, we are also keen to then organise a joint meeting with all devolved gov'ts policy leads on EHE in Dec. This will be a useful opportunity for all to catch up, make links and understand priorities.

Kind regards,

[redacted section 38 (1) (b)]

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Enclosure 2
Email chain from DFE to SG arranging meeting

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Sent: 17 November 2021 15:24
To: [redacted section 38 (1) (b)]@education.gov.uk>
Cc: [redacted section 38 (1) (b)]gov.scot>; [redacted section 38 (1) (b)]@education.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Bi Monthly EHE Policy Catch up - SG / DfE

Thank you for these [redacted section 38 (1) (b)] – this is a valuable heads up. I had looked for the JR outcome the other week but thank you for highlighting both of these.

Kind wishes
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From: [redacted section 38 (1) (b)]@education.gov.uk>
Sent: 17 November 2021 15:19
To: [redacted section 38 (1) (b)]@gov.scot>
Cc: [redacted section 38 (1) (b)]@gov.scot>; [redacted section 38 (1) (b)]@education.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Bi Monthly EHE Policy Catch up - SG / DfE

Hi,

Yes – thanks for following up.

For your information, ahead of our meeting, I can confirm that we have published the ESC response – it's available here [Strengthening Home Education: Government Response to the Committee's Third Report - Education Committee \(parliament.uk\)](#)

We also got the judgment handed down in the judicial review case of Goodred vs Portsmouth City Council, where a home-educating parent challenged her LA's application of our guidance. The claim was dismissed on all grounds, and it looks like it will have some implications for us in the near-future at least in terms of tightening up the guidance or having a review of it. We'll be able to give you a fuller review when we speak but the full judgment is attached if you fancy a light read...

Kind regards,

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Subject: RE: Bi Monthly EHE Policy Catch up - SG / DfE

Hi [redacted section 38 (1) (b)],

Thanks for the update – that makes sense, I was just conscious that we had spoken about that.

Yes – looking forward to catching up on December 8th.

Kind wishes

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Hi [redacted section 38 (1) (b)]

Thanks for your email.

It seems we are all at different stages (although we are yet to meet with NI), therefore we had planned just to keep our call scheduled for Wednesday 8th December at 10am with yourselves.

Look forward to catching up!

Kind regards,

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Hi [redacted section 38 (1) (b)],

I hope this email finds you well.

We are wondering whether there has been any further discussions on a four-nations call for officials to pick up on home education?

Kind wishes

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From: [redacted section 38 (1) (b)]
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Hi [redacted section 38 (1) (b)]

Thank you for your email – I am well thanks.

I am flexible on the morning of Wednesday 8 December, and I believe [redacted section 38 (1) (b)] also has good availability that morning.

Kind wishes

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From: [redacted section 38 (1) (b)]@education.gov.uk>
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Good afternoon,

I hope you are both well.

Thanks again for meeting with us last Thursday. We found it helpful to update on EHE policy / direction in our respective areas.

As discussed, it may be that we can bring together all devolved govts at this time before Christmas. However, for now, we are keen to put in a bi-monthly meeting with yourselves.

Are you available to meet again any time before 13:00 on either Wednesday 8th or Friday 10th of December? Please do feel free to include anyone else from your side who you feel should be in attendance.

Kind regards,

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