

C-19 Education Recovery Group

Minutes of meeting, Friday 24 July 2020

Attendees

- John Swinney MSP, *Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Chair)*
- Councillor McCabe, *Children and Young People spokesperson, Convention of Scottish Local Authorities – CoSLA (Co-Chair)*
- Graeme Logan, *Director of Learning, Scottish Government*
- Sam Anson *Deputy Director of Improvement, Attainment & Wellbeing, Scottish Government*
- Andy Drought, *Deputy Director of Workforce, Infrastructure and Reform, Scottish Government*
- Sheena Devlin, *Executive Director, Perth & Kinross Council (ADES)*
- Joanna Murphy, *Chair, National Parent Forum of Scotland (NPFSS)*
- Greg Dempster, *General Secretary, Association of Headteachers and Deputies in Scotland (AHDS)*
- Fiona Robertson, *Chief Executive, Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA)*
- Jane O'Donnell, *Head of Policy, Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (CoSLA)*
- Elizabeth Morrison, *Deputy Director, Scottish Government*
- Jim Thewliss, *General Secretary, School Leaders Scotland (SLS)*
- Maree Todd, *Minister for Children and Young People*
- Pauline Stephen, *Director of Education, Registration and Professional Learning (GTCS)*
- Gayle Gorman, *Chief Executive and Chief Inspector, Education Scotland*
- Alison Cumming, *Interim Director of Early Learning & Childcare, Scottish Government*
- Larry Flanagan, *General Secretary, Educational Institute of Scotland (EIS)*
- John Gallacher, *Regional Manager (UNISON)*
- Gillian Hamilton, *Strategic Director, Education Scotland*
- Maria Walker, *Strategic Director, Education Scotland*
- Frank Strang, *Deputy Director, Scottish Government*

Apologies

- Karen Reid, *Chief Executive, Perth & Kinross Council*
- Eddie Follan, *Chief Officer, Children and Young People (CoSLA)*
- Carrie Lindsay, *President, Association of Directors of Education in Scotland (ADES)*
- Ken Muir, *Chief Executive, General Teaching Council for Scotland (GTCS)*
- Jane Brumpton, *Chief Executive, Early Years Scotland*

The meeting began with a focus on the final draft guidance for reopening schools full time in August. DFM was keen to conclude discussions on the guidance, subject to approval from members to allow it to be circulated to Ministers and CoSLA Leaders w/c 27 July. Larry Flanagan commented that the draft guidance represented what was could be agreed by members but there were some areas where the EIS would like to see taken further. Other members provided final comments to be incorporated and were content with the final version. DFM thanked the group for their immense

amount of work on the guidance and their collaborative and willing spirit in engaging in the discussions around it.

DFM highlighted that he would like the group to meet again w/c 27 July to discuss national qualifications in 2020/21 and localised outbreak management in schools. The frequency of CERG meetings going forward will also be considered by members.

Next meeting: Friday 31 July 2020