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25 March 2021

Parent Council Chairs Network

Welcome

AGENDA

- ▶ Welcome and introduction
- ▶ Budget Update
- ▶ Return to Schools and ELC – summer term
- ▶ SQA update
- ▶ National Parent Forum of Scotland (NPFS)
- ▶ Impact of COVID-19 - Discussion

Budget Update

- ▶ ECS Revenue Budget £204.418m. Which includes the following below.
- ▶ **Recurring Savings of £1.689m.**
- ▶ No new savings were required this year.
- ▶ Budget Motion Funding of £0.652m.

Budget Update

- ▶ Virtual Campus - £136,000 Recurring.
- ▶ Expansion of Course Choice - additional funding £136,000 for 2022/23.
- ▶ Support for Educational Recovery - £98,000
- ▶ Highland Perthshire Learning Partnership - additional funding to cover transport costs. £5,000 Recurring.
- ▶ Live Life Well - a new model of family support linked to securing the implementation of The Promise with a further commitment of £90,000 for 2022/23.
- ▶ ASN Transport Spend to Save Initiative - investment to resource a review of the ASN Transport costs. £57,000
- ▶ IMS – widening access - £35, 000

Return to Schools and ELC – Summer Term



- ▶ Full Time Return
 - ▶ No physical distancing
 - ▶ Increased Focus on current mitigations
 - ▶ Lateral Flow Testing
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- ❖ Focus on reconnection and wellbeing
 - ❖ Preparation for national qualifications
 - ❖ Transitions at all key points.



SQA Update

- ▶ Alternative Certification Model- teacher judgement based upon assessment evidence generated between now and 25th June. At PKC we have worked with SQA to develop our local model.
- ▶ Focus to this point on Learning and Teaching
- ▶ Different from session 20-21
- ▶ Amount and type of assessment evidence streamlined
- ▶ SQA provide assessment tools; approaches and training for teachers in making assessment judgements

SQA Update

- ▶ Framework of moderation to ensure consistency following SQA guidance: school department; Perth and Kinross subject network; Tayside wide moderation; SQA sampling
- ▶ Transparency throughout
- ▶ August certification
- ▶ Appeals process consultation-[2021 Appeals Process Consultation - SQA](#)

National Parent Forum of Scotland (NPFS)

- ▶ Introduction to NPFS
- ▶ NPFS feedback from parents on remote learning, their thoughts on the return to school, and what it would look like


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First Minister: This is effectively a lockdown

23 March 2020

Summary

- Boris Johnson strengthens measures to stop people from leaving their homes
- First Minister Nicola Sturgeon says the stringent restrictions are unprecedented
- Earlier she announced four more deaths in Scotland - taking the total to 14
- She told the BBC that the acceleration of coronavirus is "rapid"
- Schools across Scotland are now closed - except for children of key workers
- Trains have moved to a reduced timetable with a focus on providing public transport for key workers
- More than 200,000 at-risk people in Scotland to receive letters containing "strict guidance" on isolation

Live Reporting

BBC Scotland News

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'No hesitation' over further restrictions if necessary

Shops that remain open to provide essential services or supplies should have "policies and systems" in place that keep people at a safe distance from each other, Ms Sturgeon says.

The first minister says she will not be reluctant to impose more restrictions if they become necessary.

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'Life should not feel normal'

The first minister warned yesterday that **stringent new measures to prevent the spread of coronavirus should not be considered "optional"**.

Nicola Sturgeon said guidance about social distancing and self-isolation should be regarded as a "set of rules".

It came as she confirmed the number of coronavirus deaths in Scotland had reached 10, with 416 known cases.

Ms Sturgeon said: "life should not feel normal", and if it did, you should ask "if you are doing the right things".

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First day of school closures

Schools across Scotland are closed this morning - the first day of the nationwide closure to help slow the spread of coronavirus.

Local authorities are still providing some provision for a small number of young people and the children of key workers.

Yesterday, the first minister said older pupils who had course work to complete should NOT now go into school to finish it, as had previously been advised

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16:38 23 Mar 2020

Pupils knuckle down for first day of home learning



Domnamarie Miller

Pupils across Scotland have **begun working at home**, after schools closed indefinitely on Friday in a bid to halt the spread of Covid-19.

Parents of some of those children have shared pictures and videos of their children knuckling down to their school work.

They include Ethan, a pupil at St Benedict's Primary in Glasgow, who looked excited to be working from home on Monday morning.

And Katie and Owen Campbell, of Stenhousemuir in Falkirk, was among thousands who took part in an online PE class led by fitness expert Joe Wicks.

