

## MEETING NOTE

<b>TITLE/ORGANISATION:</b> Proposed further Education restrictions January 2021			
<b>VENUE:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> PB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rathgael	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:
<b>NUMBER OF ATTENDEES:</b> 9		<b>LIST OF ATTENDEES:</b> <i>(As follows)</i>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minister	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spad:	<input type="checkbox"/> Minister PS	
<b>OFFICIALS:</b>	<b>Minister Swann</b> <b>Ian Young</b> <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 2px auto;">NR</div> <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 2px auto;">NR</div> <b>Adrian Murphy</b>	<b>Michael McBride</b> <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 2px auto;">NR</div> <b>Fiona Hepper</b> <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 2px auto;">NR</div> <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 2px auto;">NR</div>	
<b>OTHERS:</b>			
<b>KEY POINTS DISCUSSED:</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The CMO &amp; CSA letter to Perm Sec highlighting SAGE advice in respect of children and transmissability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Children and young people are more likely to bring the virus into the household than those aged 17+.</li> <li>○ Young people (aged 2-16) are much more likely than those aged 17+ to be the first case in their household. In particular, those aged 12 to 16 are nearly 7 times as likely to be the first case in their household, compared to those 17+.</li> <li>○ 2 – 16 year olds are more than twice as likely to pass on the virus within their household compared to people aged 17+.</li> <li>○ Children aged 16 or under are less likely to get the virus from someone within their household compared to people aged 17+.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Minister Swann's letter to Minister highlighting the changing COVID position and urging Minister to consider further restrictions as illustrated by SAGE</li> <li>• A verbal update from CMO &amp; CSA on case numbers and projections for early January</li> <li>• A proposal from Minister Weir regarding possible further restrictions for January</li> <li>• Joint working to reinforce the key message on return to school</li> </ul>			

- Implications of any significant COVID spike on the capacity of the HA Education cell

### **ISSUES AGREED:**

- Education would proceed with the following restrictions for January:

#### Week 1 – W/C 4 January

- Primary schools – delayed start for pupils to 11 January (other than provision for vulnerable or key worker children)

#### Return date as per school plans:

- Special schools – all year groups – to restart as normal
- SEN and vulnerable return for supervised learning
- Schools to accept children of key workers for supervised learning
- Child care provision – to restart as normal
- Nursery provision – to restart as normal
- Youth Service provision stood down and moving targeted services to online platforms until the end of January
- Post primary –
  - Day 1 as planning day for teachers
  - From day 2 of term –
    - Pupils in year 12-14: normal face-to face teaching to resume
    - Pupils in Year 8-11: remote learning for month of January (Principals and school leaders to decide on the balance of face-to-face, remote learning, or mixture of both for anyone sitting external exams in year 11. After public exams are over all year 11 revert to remote learning until end January. Similar discretion is available for Dixon plan schools for year 10 pupils).
- All schools and exam centres to remain open – all examinations and mock examinations to continue and must be fully in line with public health guidance

#### Week 2 – w/c 11 January

- Primary school provision – all year groups – to restart as normal

**ACTION POINTS / OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE:**

- DE to issue a press statement outlining further restrictions arising from the changed public health position and ongoing engagement with CMO/CSA - Wording to be agreed by both Deartments NR
- DE to update guidance to require face coverings within all post primary settings for all pupils attending throughout January (to be reviewed by end of January)

**NOTE WRITTEN BY:**

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**DATE:**

**30 Dec 2020**