

## **Report of the SNCT Support Group Meetings 22 March, 28 April and 31 May 2022**

Three meetings of the SNCT Support Group have taken place since the last SNCT Meeting. The SNCT Support Group meets as required between meetings of the SNCT and the meeting on the 28 April was convened to discuss the reduction of class contact time. All three meetings were chaired by Des Morris, Joint Chair, SNCT Teachers' Side.

The main actions items are noted below for the full SNCT.

### **1. Reduction of Class Contact Time**

To date no agreement has been reached on SNCT implementation. The Teachers' Side has set out its position that the reduction in class contact time should be used to increase preparation and correction time as this would have the most direct and beneficial impact on teaching and learning, attainment and teachers' excessive workload burdens. Scottish Government and COSLA representatives have advised that they required to consider their position on this further and it was agreed that discussion would be continued through Joint Secretaries/Joint Chairs.

### **2. Monitoring of the number of Lead Teachers.**

A report on the number of Lead Teachers recruited locally was noted by the Support Group and information will be gathered again for consideration at the end of 2022.

### **3. Covid/Absences/Long Covid**

At the meeting on 31 May it was noted that the provisions for Covid related absences would be reviewed during June 2022. The Teachers' Side expressed the view that these provisions of SNCT/22/89 should be extended into the new session. COSLA and Scottish Government expressed the view that it should come to an end due to the current national guidance.

The Support Group will be considering support for sufferers of Long Covid during the next session.

**4. ASN Definitions/Class Size**

The issues relating to Appendix 2.9 of the Handbook classification and numbers for ASN class will be considered by the Support Group in the next session. The Teachers' Side has undertaken to conduct further investigation and consultation to inform this work.

**5. Management Time**

The issue of defined management time for promoted post-holders will be on the agenda for the next meeting of the Support Group and the Teachers' Side will be undertaking preparatory work on this issue.

**6. National Leave and Pay Specification**

The membership of the sub-group has been confirmed and a meeting is to be held before the end of term.

**7. Supply Portal**

The presentation from Supply Portal providers is now to be scheduled for the next meeting of the Support Group.

**8. Sabbaticals**

It has been agreed that the implementation of the Self-Funded Sabbaticals provisions would be kept under review with a formal review being undertaken no later than 2 years after the date of the agreement.

Yours sincerely

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Louise Wilson (Teachers' Panel)  
Stephanie Walsh (Scottish Government)

**Joint Secretaries**