

Report of the SNCT Support Group Meeting 23 May 2024 and 25 September 2024.

The SNCT Support Group meets as required between meetings of the SNCT. Meetings were held on 23 May 2024 and 25 September 2024 and were chaired by Des Morris, Joint Chair, SNCT Teachers' Side.

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

1. Management Time

The SNCT Support Group considered a paper outlining proposed changes to the SNCT Handbook regarding Management Time for Principal Teachers in paragraph 2.10 of the SNCT Handbook. Following discussion, the proposed changes were agreed. Powers were given to the Joint Secretaries to prepare an SNCT Circular outlining the changes. The Circular has been circulated for homologation.

In addition, the Teachers' Panel members of the Support Group argued that the current provisions in paragraph 2.13 of the SNCT Handbook regarding Management Time for Headteachers and Depute Headteachers were insufficient. COSLA agreed to take the HT and DHT Management Time paper away for further consideration and report. Discussions on this continue with the Joint Secretaries.

2. Reduction in Class Contact Time

This item would be discussed again at a meeting of the Joint Chairs on Tuesday 1 October 2024.

3. ASN Definitions/Class Size

The SNCT Support Group noted that the first meeting of this SNCT Working Group would take place on the afternoon of Wednesday 25 September 2024. The purpose of this Working Group was to conduct an investigation and/or research into the current definitions and class size maxima as outlined in Part 2: Appendix 2.9 of the SNCT Handbook in order to refresh them for teaching and learning in the twenty-first century.

4. Job Sizing Review Group

The SNCT Support Group noted that the next meeting of the Job Sizing Review Group would take place on Tuesday 29 October 2024.

5. Miscarriage Special Leave

The SNCT Support Group considered the terms of a motion from the Teachers' Panel Representatives. Following discussion, Teachers' Panel Representatives agreed to prepare a paper containing specific SNCT Handbook changes for consideration at the next meeting.

6. Calendar of Meetings

The SNCT Support Group noted that the 12 February 2025 meeting of the SNCT coincided with holiday periods in certain Councils and agreed that it should be rescheduled. The SNCT Support Group also agreed that all meetings of the SNCT should start at 2.00 pm.

Yours sincerely

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David Leitch (Scottish Government)

Joint Secretaries