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Dear Laura Raymond,

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002 (FOISA)

Thank you for your request dated 24 February 2021 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

Your request

You asked to see the equality impact assessment regarding the use of face coverings and lateral flow testing and their impact on secondary school pupils. You also ask to see information on the relative risks and or benefits to children which have informed these recommendations.

Response to your request

All of the information you have requested is available online. The most recent equality impact assessment linked to the [Reducing risks in schools guidance](#) was published online on 24 March 2021. You are able to access the document here: [CERG+-+Impact+Assessment+-+A+phased+return+to+in-school+learning+-+EQFSICBRIA+-+February+2021+%28002%29.pdf \(www.gov.scot\)](#)

The guidance on the use of both face coverings and lateral flow testing in schools has been developed based upon advice from the [Advisory Sub-Group on Education and Children's Issues](#). You are able to access minutes from all of the group's meetings online, as well as advisory notes produced by the group: [Coronavirus \(COVID 19\): Advisory Sub-Group on Education and Children's Issues - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#)

Under section 25(1) of FOISA, we do not have to give you information which is already reasonably

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accessible to you. If, however, you do not have internet access to obtain this information from the website(s) listed, then please contact me again and I will send you a paper copy.

Your right to request a review

If you are unhappy with this response to your FOI request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review of the response, by writing to Graeme Logan, Director of Learning at DirectorofLearning@gov.scot. Your review request should explain why you are dissatisfied with this response, and should be made within 40 working days from the date when you received this letter. We will complete the review and tell you the result, within 20 working days from the date when we receive your review request.

If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. More detailed information on your appeal rights is available on the Commissioner's website at:
<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Unhappywiththeresponse/AppealingtoCommissioner.aspx>

Yours sincerely

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