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Dear Mr Hobbs

#### **RESTRAINT AND SECLUSION IN SCOTLAND'S SCHOOLS**

I am writing to you with regards to your letter of 14 February 2019 regarding Renfrewshire Council's response to the recommendations set out in the report which we are required to respond to.

I can confirm the following:

- we will be writing to all schools to make it clear that no restraint or seclusion should take place in the absence of a policy governing its use;
- we are currently developing a policy which will provide clear procedures on this matter in accordance with national guidance. This is currently in draft form as we consult with key stakeholders; and
- as part of the above we will devise recording forms to be used at school level to include sections for de-escalation techniques considered and attempted, the child's and parents and carers views.

I trust this is helpful to you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra Black".

Sandra Black  
Chief Executive

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**From:** Nick Hobbs <[nick.hobbs@cypcs.org.uk](mailto:nick.hobbs@cypcs.org.uk)>

**Sent:** 05 April 2019 14:31

**Subject:** FAO Director of Education - Restraint and Seclusion investigation

## **FAO Director of Education**

Dear Sir/Madam

Our office published a report of our investigation into Restraint and Seclusion in Scotland's Schools on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018. A number of recommendations in that report were directed at local authorities. The report included a 'requirement to respond'.

Specifically, in terms of sub-sections 11(2A) and 11(2B) of the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003, you are required to provide a statement in writing to the Commissioner setting out, either:

- what you have done or propose to do in response to the recommendations; or
- if you do not intend to do anything in response to the recommendations, the reasons for that

Although I am sure the recommendations have been discussed extensively within the authority and we have received a response from you, it does not make clear whether you accept all of the recommendations of the report or not. We do not wish to make assumptions and would like to ensure that positions are clear. For the avoidance of doubt therefore - please let us know by close of play on **Monday 15th April** if there are any recommendations relevant to your authority that you do not accept and why.

**Please note that we will shortly be publishing in full all responses received from local authorities.**

Kind regards

**Nick Hobbs**

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**To:** Nick Hobbs <[nick.hobbs@cypcs.org.uk](mailto:nick.hobbs@cypcs.org.uk)>

**Subject:** RE: FAO Director of Education - Restraint and Seclusion investigation

Dear Mr Hobbs

Please see attached. Does this refer to the same or is this another report?

Thank you

*Executive Assistant to Chief Executive, Sandra Black*



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**Sent:** 05 April 2019 15:05

**To: Subject:** RE: FAO Director of Education - Restraint and Seclusion investigation

Dear

That's the response we refer to. To be clear, what we're looking for is if there are any recommendations the authority does not accept.

Many thanks

**Nick Hobbs**

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**Sent:** 07 April 2019 20:55

**To:** Nick Hobbs <[nick.hobbs@cypcs.org.uk](mailto:nick.hobbs@cypcs.org.uk)>

**Subject:** RE: FAO Director of Education - Restraint and Seclusion investigation

Dear Nick

Renfrewshire Children's Services accepts all of the recommendations contained in the Commissioner's report and is taking action to action these.

Kind regards

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