

## Report of the SNCT Support Group 26 November 2019

A meeting of the SNCT Support Group took place on 26 November 2019. The SNCT Support Group meets as required between meetings of the SNCT. The meeting was chaired by Des Morris, Chair of the SNCT Teachers' Panel. The main actions items are noted below for the full SNCT.

1. **Supply Teachers Portal - Update:** The SNCT Support Group received an update on the progress of this initiative and agreed to return to this matter at its next meeting.
2. **Code of practice on the headteacher responsibility in the recruitment and selection of staff in schools:** The Group approved the final draft of the Code of practice on the headteacher responsibility in the recruitment and selection of staff in schools (SNCT Handbook New Appendix 2.20) and an accompanying letter of advice from the Joint Secretaries (JS/19/76).
3. **Job-Sizing Review:** The Group considered and noted the views which had been received from 15 Councils and the constituent organisations on the SNCT Teachers' Panel. The Joint Secretaries were asked to draft the remit for the Job-Sizing Review Group for submission to the Joint Chairs. The remit should address the main issues identified by Councils and the Teachers' Panel.
4. **Workload Review – the role of the SNCT:** The Group requested that the Joint Secretaries draft an initial letter of advice which would seek, amongst other things, to highlight existing SNCT agreements regarding the control of teacher workload
5. **Review of Secondary School Subjects:** Following discussion, the Group agreed to consider the list of practical class subjects outlined in Appendix 2.9 of the SNCT Handbook at the next meeting of the SNCT Support Group and, in particular, would consider the position of Computing Science.
6. **Sick Leave and Sickness Allowance:** The SNCT Support Group agreed to return to this matter at its next meeting. Members of the Teachers' Panel agreed to provide additional information where it exists.