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By email

Good afternoon, Larry

Thank you for your letter regarding the prioritisation of occupational groups as part of Phase 2 of the vaccine rollout.

I agree that the Scottish Government needs to urgently reconsider its decision to comply with the declared interim policy of the UK JCVI, and today I called for frontline workers – including police officers and teachers – to be prioritised in the next stage of the vaccination programme.

While I agree that Scotland's vaccination programme should broadly follow the JCVI recommendations, there must also be flexibility in the programme and priority given to key public facing occupations.

Given the further phased return of schools next week, it is my position that there should be vaccine prioritisation for teachers and school staff to reduce the risk of outbreaks in schools and support a quick and safe return of pupils to classrooms.

Best wishes,

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