FAQs from the EIS professional learning webinar "Online and Remote Learning – Sharing Practice" Webinar held on Wednesday 24th February 2021

- *"I'm a supply teacher and have not been teaching since lockdown began due to shielding. I have no experience of teaching online. Is there any specific software I need in order to teach online, and as a supply teacher how can I access this?"*

All the tools which supply teachers are required to use should be available via the local authority, including GLOW tools or access to Microsoft applications where relevant. Supply teachers who are struggling to access relevant software and tools should contact their EIS Local Association for specific local advice.

- *"Do you have any examples of the alternatives to house points, assemblies etc?"*

Mairi gave the example of providing assemblies via Teams during periods of blended learning which allowed in-school learners and home-based learners to attend together. Mairi further noted that pre-recorded assemblies were available via Sway, and that for online-only assemblies these were effective and required less technical knowledge to deliver. As Mairi outlines, these can be used in combination with locally developed content to engage learners.

Mairi described using low-tech options such as hand-draw posters or individual token tubs to keep track of house points, which remained effective during online and blended learning.

- *"What kind of lessons can be provided when there are no resources in the home, not even pencils and paper?"*

Jodi described how Dundee City Council organised the provision of learning material packs including pencils and jotters to learners at home during lockdown, which was possible because of Dundee being a compact city. Steven indicated that in more remote areas, resources had been deposited in other community buildings which learners and their parents could access.

Members who are encountering challenges with learners' access to materials while teaching remotely are encouraged to raise these issues with the management team in their school and raise this through their Local Association. Equity of access is vitally important in ensuring continuity of learning for all learners, particularly those who are living in poverty.

- *Can teachers register for eSgoil webinars?*

Donald noted that whilst eSgoil do not directly sign teachers up for the webinars, eSgoil makes all Webinar materials available through Nelo/West OS and the Supported Learning Resources.