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Dear *Dr Roach*

Thank you for your email of 7 January 2021 in which you ask if priority will be given to teachers when receiving vaccinations.

I would emphasise that it is the Department of Health who ultimately decides on the priority list for distribution of the vaccine taking account of the national recommendations of the Joint Council on Vaccinations and Immunisations.

I have written to the Health Minister to request that school staff are prioritised for vaccination.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Weir'.

**PETER WEIR MLA
MINISTER OF EDUCATION**