

Subject: RE: UsforThem - Urgent Legal Letter

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 June 2020 13:06
To: PS, Advisers <Advisers.PS@education.gov.uk>; [REDACTED] PS, Sec-OF-STATE <Sec-OF-STATE.PS@education.gov.uk>; PERMANENT, Secretary <PERMANENT.Secretary@education.gov.uk>; [REDACTED] CLIFTON-MOORE, Oliver <Oliver.CLIFTON-MOORE@education.gov.uk>
Cc: SHARP, Warwick <Warwick.SHARP@education.gov.uk>; [REDACTED] RAHMAN, Osama <Osama.RAHMAN@education.gov.uk>
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Thanks [REDACTED] – let me know when we're able to send.

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Do we need to refer to the PAP at all in this response? I've not at the moment.

[@CLIFTON-MOORE, Oliver](#) – are you happy to send on Osama's behalf when we can?

Thanks

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From: PS, Advisers <Advisers.PS@education.gov.uk>
Sent: 30 June 2020 13:04
To: [REDACTED] PS, Sec-OF-STATE <Sec-OF-STATE.PS@education.gov.uk>; PERMANENT, Secretary <PERMANENT.Secretary@education.gov.uk>; [REDACTED] CLIFTON-MOORE, Oliver <Oliver.CLIFTON-MOORE@education.gov.uk>
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Thanks, will run it by her tonight and send – please hold off sending Osama's until she's had a chance to comment (but don't think there will be substantial changes).

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 June 2020 12:44
To: PS, Advisers <Advisers.PS@education.gov.uk>; [REDACTED] PS, Sec-OF-STATE <Sec-OF-STATE.PS@education.gov.uk>; PERMANENT, Secretary <PERMANENT.Secretary@education.gov.uk>; Christopher Morgan <[REDACTED]> CLIFTON-MOORE, Oliver <Oliver.CLIFTON-MOORE@education.gov.uk>
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Thanks [REDACTED].

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Yes this is in response to the identical letters sent to Innes and Osama - I've added a sentence at the beginning in reference to that letter to the attached version.

@PS, Advisers – as [REDACTED] suggested, are we agreed that we will send the response in the body of the email? Do we need to send a response from both Innes and Osama?

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Thanks

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From: PS, Advisers <Advisers.PS@education.gov.uk>
Sent: 30 June 2020 12:31
To: [REDACTED] PS, Sec-OF-STATE <Sec-OF-STATE.PS@education.gov.uk>; PERMANENT, Secretary <PERMANENT.Secretary@education.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]
Cc: SHARP, Warwick <Warwick.SHARP@education.gov.uk>; [REDACTED] RAHMAN, Osama <Osama.RAHMAN@education.gov.uk>; CLIFTON-MOORE, Oliver <Oliver.CLIFTON-MOORE@education.gov.uk>
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Thanks [REDACTED] – just removing Innes from the cc list.

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Others may have comments, but could you include a reference at the beginning to make clear which letters this is in response to? Assume it in response to the identical letters to Innes and Olly, with a response to the PAP letter to be sent separately?

Thanks,

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From: PS, Sec-OF-STATE <Sec-OF-STATE.PS@education.gov.uk>
Sent: 29 June 2020 15:13
To: CLIFTON-MOORE, Oliver <Oliver.CLIFTON-MOORE@education.gov.uk>; COVID19, EYSG-Schools <EYSG-Schools.COVID19@education.gov.uk>; PERMANENT, Secretary <PERMANENT.Secretary@education.gov.uk>; [REDACTED] ATHWAL, Harjit <Harjit.ATHWAL@education.gov.uk>; SCIENCE, Covid <Covid.SCIENCE@education.gov.uk>
Cc: SHARP, Warwick <Warwick.SHARP@education.gov.uk>; PS, Advisers <Advisers.PS@education.gov.uk>; TAYLOR, Innes <Innes.TAYLOR@education.gov.uk>; [REDACTED] OPERATIONS CENTRE, DfE <DfE.OPERATIONSCENTRE@education.gov.uk>; [REDACTED] MCCULLY, Andrew <Andrew.McCully@education.gov.uk>; WATTS, Mela <Mela.Watts@education.gov.uk>; [REDACTED] DIXON, Kate <Kate.DIXON@education.gov.uk>; RAHMAN, Osama <Osama.RAHMAN@education.gov.uk>
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The letter cover letter of 25/6 and pre-action letters were sent to Innes, Osama and SoS in the same email.

[REDACTED]
Rt Hon Gavin Williamson CBE MP

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Secretary of State for Education / Sec-OF-STATE.PS@education.gov.uk

SoS' box closes at noon, Monday to Thursday.

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From: [REDACTED] <usforthem2020@gmail.com>

Sent: 25 June 2020 17:09

To: newproceedings@governmentlegal.gov.uk

<newproceedings@governmentlegal.gov.uk>; WILLIAMSON, Gavin
<gavin.williamson.mp@parliament.uk>

Cc: innes.taylor@education.gov.uk <innes.taylor@education.gov.uk>;
osama.rahman@education.gov.uk <osama.rahman@education.gov.uk>

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Dear Secretary of State and Government Legal Team,

Please find attached a letter which requires urgent attention.

Please let us know if you would like to meet and discuss. We are keen to work with you and find a solution that works for all children.

We have copied the Government legal email address to ensure that the letter is received and dealt with as a matter with legal relevance.

Best

Molly Kingsley
UsforThemUK

From: CLIFTON-MOORE, Oliver <Oliver.CLIFTON-MOORE@education.gov.uk>

Sent: 29 June 2020 15:05

To: COVID19, EYSG-Schools <EYSG-Schools.COVID19@education.gov.uk>; PS, Sec-OF-STATE
<Sec-OF-STATE.PS@education.gov.uk>; PERMANENT, Secretary

<PERMANENT.Secretary@education.gov.uk>; [REDACTED] ATHWAL, Harjit

<Harjit.ATHWAL@education.gov.uk>; SCIENCE, Covid <Covid.SCIENCE@education.gov.uk>

Cc: SHARP, Warwick <Warwick.SHARP@education.gov.uk>; PS, Advisers

<Advisers.PS@education.gov.uk>; TAYLOR, Innes <Innes.TAYLOR@education.gov.uk>;

[REDACTED] OPERATIONS CENTRE, DfE

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Andrew <Andrew.McCully@education.gov.uk>; WATTS, Mela

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My first reaction to whether to reply to the Innes letter was whether we needed to reply *at all* given they're asking for guidance that's going to be published on Thursday.

If it does require a reply, it seems the main issue is one of risk assessment around implementing in schools which is a DDOC lead not a [@SCIENCE, Covid](#) lead. If required we can provide lines on the role of children in transmission of the virus but that's basically pointing them to [this](#)

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Olly


Department for Education
Olly Clifton-Moore
Chief Economist
Covid19, Strategy and Analysis
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Analysis Directorate, Operations Group

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From: COVID19, EYSG-Schools <EYSG-Schools.COVID19@education.gov.uk>

Sent: 29 June 2020 13:45

To: PS, Sec-OF-STATE <Sec-OF-STATE.PS@education.gov.uk>; COVID19, EYSG-Schools <EYSG-Schools.COVID19@education.gov.uk>; PERMANENT, Secretary <PERMANENT.Secretary@education.gov.uk>; CLIFTON-MOORE, Oliver <Oliver.CLIFTON-MOORE@education.gov.uk>

Cc: SHARP, Warwick <Warwick.SHARP@education.gov.uk>; PS, Advisers <Advisers.PS@education.gov.uk>; TAYLOR, Innes <Innes.TAYLOR@education.gov.uk>; [REDACTED] OPERATIONS CENTRE, DfE <DfE.OPERATIONSCENTRE@education.gov.uk>;

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Hi all,

There are a couple of different chains currently circulating regarding UsForThem correspondence. This is a group that has been set up to work towards a quick return of children to school. So everybody's aware and on the same page and we can co-ordinate, we now have:

- **Pre-action letter:** I'm not aware that anybody has sighted LAO yet (?), so as a first step I've sent this to them this morning for advice on how to take it forward

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Thanks,

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Sent: 25 June 2020 17:34
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Secretary of State for Education / Sec-OF-STATE.PS@education.gov.uk
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From: WILLIAMSON, Gavin <gavin.williamson.mp@parliament.uk>
Sent: 25 June 2020 17:18
To: PS, Sec-OF-STATE <Sec-OF-STATE.PS@education.gov.uk>
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From: ██████████ <usforthem2020@gmail.com>
Sent: 25 June 2020 17:09
To: newproceedings@governmentlegal.gov.uk
<newproceedings@governmentlegal.gov.uk>; WILLIAMSON, Gavin <gavin.williamson.mp@parliament.uk>
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