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**FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE  
UK PARENTS OF THE  
EUROPEAN SCHOOLS**

Dear Parents,

By letter of 30 January 2019, (see attachment) the UK Department for Education informed the Secretary-General about its planning in case of a BREXIT without a Withdrawal Agreement.

In this letter, the UK Department for Education provides, for the first time, its definitive position in case of a 'no deal scenario'.

The UK Department for Education takes the view that "in the event of a no deal exit the UK will automatically fall out of the European Schools Convention on exit day (29 March 2019)".

According to our legal analysis and discussions within the European Schools decision-making bodies, inter alia the Board of Governors, the UK will be bound by the Convention Defining the Statute of the European Schools (the "Convention"), until 31 August 2020", in case of a no deal exit.

However, notwithstanding the differing interpretation of the Convention, I would like to stress that the Secretary-General of the European Schools and the UK Department for Education share the same objective of ensuring the continuation of the secondment of UK seconded staff.

Indeed, the UK Department for Education has announced its intention to continue the secondment of UK seconded staff and to supply two national inspectors until 31 August 2020, in case of a 'no deal' BREXIT. I have written to the Head of the UK delegation to the Board of Governors to welcome this intention (see my letter attached).

The European Schools, and our pupils, will therefore continue to benefit from the greatly valued contribution to high quality teaching and learning, and the wealth of experience, of our UK seconded staff and inspectors, until 31 August 2020.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary-General