



Communication on UK seconded teachers

Dear parents,

The UK Government has sent 'Notification of risk of compulsory redundancy' letters to all remaining UK seconded staff in the European Schools. The letters warn that, in the event of a no-deal Brexit, their secondments could end on 29 March 2019, over a year earlier than expected even in the case of a no-deal outcome of the TEU50 negotiations.

InterParents is united in the view that peremptory withdrawal of these teachers mid-year would be completely unacceptable, particularly considering its potential harmful impact on students in the middle of the school year. Pedagogical continuity and the best interest of the students should always prevail over any political consideration.

In the last Joint Teaching Committee meeting, the Deputy Secretary General explained that he is preparing a reply to the UK letter. He believes that there may be different views on how to interpret the Convention but there is a common objective.

Thus, he expects that a possible solution is still possible that will enable to continue with the secondments of UK teachers until August 2020.

On behalf of European School families, as represented by their Parent Associations, InterParents will do its utmost to encourage the Secretary General of the European Schools to find a solution to this issue.

In that respect, Interparents welcomes the fact that an urgent meeting of the Brexit Working Group has been convened.

Mindful of the short timeframe, potential personal impact and widespread concern about this, we will of course report on further developments as soon as possible.

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