



Dear _____,

We are writing to you as NEU Reps in [*INSERT NAME OF LA/MAT*] schools.

Our members along with other members of staff are working hard in this crisis, at home and in school to meet the needs of our children and families and will continue to do so as long as this situation lasts.

We are aware that many of our families live in challenging circumstances and we want to return to school, and see the children again, as soon it is practicably safe to do so. **We do not think we are anywhere near that point.**

However, there has been some harmful speculation that schools may begin reopening in the next few weeks. In response to this the National Education Union has written to the Prime Minister, asking him end that speculation and seeking assurances about the basis on which a proposal to reopen schools will be made.

The NEU has expressed the view that it is not currently safe to reopen schools and, that any plans to do so should be based on evidence and modelling and fully discussed with trade unions representing school staff, nationally and locally.

We fully support this position.

Furthermore, we believe that when the time does come to reopen schools it should be properly planned, with staff returning first to consider what measures need to be put in place to welcome students back, and to support those young people who may well be traumatised and suffering a sense of dislocation.

We have got this far through the crisis by everyone working constructively together and we hope that this will continue.

Throughout this crisis we have followed the advice of our Union, the NEU, and will continue to do so; we will be willing to return to school when our Union tells us that it is safe to do so.

We look forward to hearing positively from you about how we take these matters forward at a difficult time for all of us.

Yours sincerely,

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