

Rt Hon Gavin Williamson CBE MP
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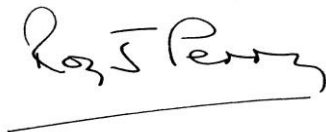
Dear Secretary of State

School Improvement Services

The Soulbury Committee, which is the national body that determines pay and terms and conditions for employees in School Improvement Services, met remotely on Thursday 14 May. I chaired this meeting on behalf of the National Employers (Local Government Association) and I promised I would convey to you the view unanimously held of the value we attach to the work of local government officers employed in School Improvement Services, such as Education Improvement Managers, Educational Psychologists and Youth People's Community Service Managers, especially during the current coronavirus pandemic.

We are in the process of undertaking a consultation of local authorities on the specifics of a pay and conditions claim submitted by the Staff Associations prior to this meeting. We have made clear to the Staff Associations that we fully recognise that children and schools will be severely impacted by the implications of the pandemic. All children, most especially those with special needs will need expert care and we therefore value and appreciate the professionalism and expertise of officers in these particular services.

Yours sincerely



Cllr Roy Perry
Chair
Soulbury Committee (National Employers)

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