

## **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.

The threatened timing of withdrawal is inconsistent with the Convention of the European Schools which has its own provision for exiting the school system, backed up by the UN 'Vienna' Convention on the Law of Treaties and cannot be made conditional to any further agreement.

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.

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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