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To Parent/Carer

Dear Parent/Carer

### **EAST LOTHIAN COUNCIL'S SCHOOL ESTATE**

You will be aware through the media that there are issues with a number of City of Edinburgh Council schools which has resulted in temporary closures. The Scottish Government has written to all Council Chief Executives asking that they should assure themselves of the safety of the school estate they provide. Our six secondary schools, the Mercat Gait Centre and the Musselburgh Community Learning Centre have been refurbished under a PPP arrangement but this was not with the same construction company related to the affected City of Edinburgh Council schools.

However, we are taking this issue extremely seriously and are in the process of seeking assurances from Infrastructure Managers Ltd who are responsible for ensuring our secondary schools are managed and maintained to a very safe standard. There are many condition surveys and works carried out in support of the schools being managed and maintained to a high standard by ourselves and Infrastructure Managers Ltd.

We are liaising closely with the City of Edinburgh Council to determine the exact nature of the issues affecting their school closures.

In respect of our Primary Schools they are not part of any PPP arrangement and we will continue to conduct appropriate condition surveys and associated works to ensure the safety of our school buildings.

Yours sincerely



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Head of Education