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To: All Headteachers/Principals/
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Dear Headteacher/Principal/Centre Manager

School Adviser Support – Education Improvement Service

As you may be aware, the school improvement team within the local authority have undergone a management of change process. As a result of that, we have a new service and a reduced number of advisers. Currently, in partnership with a task and finish group, I am in the process of rewriting the school improvement strategy which we will launch in September. This will clearly set out the support your school will get from their adviser during the next academic year and the focus for termly visits.

You have all been allocated a school adviser and for those schools who have Susie Hickerton, Collette Higgins will be your adviser until Susie returns from maternity leave. Between now and the end of the summer term, we will be visiting all medium and high risk schools. The agenda for this visit will be agreed with the school adviser. We will still be collecting data and school's self-evaluation judgements. An element of the visit can still be used to complete a joint evaluation activity to support the school's priorities. The visit should be centred upon the progress towards the school improvement priorities identified by the school.

We will also be offering all low risk schools a visit. We know you really value some external validation of the work you are doing and again, the agenda for this visit will be agreed with your school adviser. In order to get these dates confirmed in diaries, I am going to ask our administration team to start booking them in. When they are confirmed, your school adviser can get in touch to agree an agenda.

We look forward to seeing you all during the next few months.

Kind regards

Clair McNeill

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