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Dear Families,

United Kingdom Departure from the European Union

As you will know the UK is set to leave the EU on 31 October 2019. We have been looking at a number of factors which could affect the smooth running of schools, after this date. After working with colleagues at the Department for Education and Kent County Council we have put in place plans to mitigate the potential impact of temporary disruption but there are some areas we need to ask you to consider in order to support us.

The potential disruption largely sits around advice that there could be significant delay to road transport around Kent for up to three months after the country leaves the EU, as a result of increased procedures at the Kent ports. Obviously we do not know at this stage if this will be the case or not but it is sensible to plan for potential disruption to ensure we are prepared. Assuming we are affected we may see issues with receiving deliveries of educational supplies and also deliveries to our catering facilities, medical room and importantly with staff and students being able to get to the academy in the usual time frame. If our own suppliers are not affected it is possible that the supply chain they are part of might be.

As you would expect, we have been working on mitigating any impact as much as possible by ordering supplies in advance, liaising with suppliers and transport companies to ensure they have mitigation plans, helping staff to forward plan and communicating with the various agencies that come and work with us to support our students. Enclosed are some points and sources of information we thought may be helpful for you in case you need to do the same.

Of course it is entirely possible that the event will pass without any disruption or indeed that it may bring things we have not foreseen and so we will continue to work on minimising any possible impact on our students' education. If you have any comments or questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with us at the academy.

Yours sincerely,

Daniel Hatley
Executive Principal