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Dear Colleague

By now you will see the press release that the Leader has released in relation to the disappointing news from Michael Gove about both our BSF and Academies Programme.

We find ourselves in the position that all of the schools in Wave 4, 5 and 6 have been "stopped" and 8 academies are now "under discussion" raising doubts as to their individual futures.

We will be continually reviewing the situation as more information hopefully becomes available and what we have will be shared with members as soon as is practical. Our initial response to Monday's events has been to take action to prevent what may now be unnecessary expenditure on the BSF programme, both in terms of the use of consultants and also in terms of site acquisition plans.

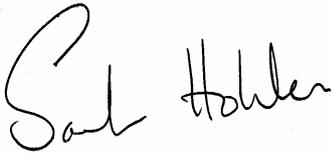
The stopping of Wave 4 is perhaps the most disappointing and surprising element of the announcement as it leaves us with the position where half of the schools in both Gravesham and Thanet will have been rebuilt or significantly re-modelled whilst the other half are now, at best, on hold pending the review by the group of "experts" appointed.

We are attaching a copy of the letter from Michael Gove to Katherine Kerswell together with a schedule of all the schools affected. We all share the Leader's disappointment in this news especially in relation to those schools within Wave 4.

There is, however, a glimmer of hope in that Michael Gove has also clearly stated that his announcement does not signal the end of investment in our schools. We need to do all that we can collectively to ensure that Kent remains at the forefront of future investment to best serve the interests of our Kent School Community covering all pupils, teachers, schools, and parents.

Finally, on a separate matter, we have also attached to this letter an update from Rosalind Turner on the Children, Families and Education Restructure.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Hohler". The letters are cursive and fluid.

Sarah Hohler
Cabinet Member for Children, Families
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Cooke". The signature is highly stylized and cursive.

Gary Cooke
Deputy Cabinet Member for Children, Families
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Enclosures:

- Letter from Michael Gove to Katherine Kerswell
- A schedule of all the Kent schools affected
- A letter from Rosalind Turner about the CFE Restructure