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Dear Mr Adam

'No Safe Place: Seclusion and Restraint in Scotland's Schools': Dundee City Council's response to the report and recommendations

I am writing to confirm that Dundee City Council has received the above report and officers are in the process of agreeing any further action for Dundee schools arising from the report recommendations. It is noted that some of the recommendations require consideration by other partners and we welcome any further information that supports the future development of our local response to the issues the report raises. Our response to the recommendations is appended.

Dundee City Council's policy guidance and practice in relation to restraint and seclusion is based upon the Nurture Principles, in particular understanding that behaviour is a form of communication, and the dynamic nature of social interaction and relationships which affect all human behaviour.

For the last 4 years we have monitored the implementation of our policy, including the use of restraint (and more recently seclusion), through a steering group with wide representation and clear links with quality improvement processes. At the centre of this process is the aim and need to ensure that all children, young people and staff are safe in school, and that their rights are respected.

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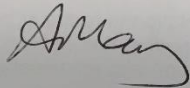
Mr Adam

I can confirm that Dundee City Council will be reporting on our full consideration of the report's 21 recommendations to our Children and Families Committee later this year, and have already briefed our convenor of Dundee's position in relation to the report's recommendations. Our established steering group, chaired by Jennifer King, Education Manager (Additional Support Needs, Educational Psychology and Inclusion), will fully consider any potential policy and practice changes arising from the recommendations on 25 February 2019, before reporting to all Head Teachers. The steering group comprises:

- Support for Learning Training Officer (and CALM Associate)
- Education Support Officer (ASN)
- Nursery School Head Teacher
- Primary School Head Teacher
- Secondary School Senior Leader
- Teacher Union representative
- School support staff Union representative
- Data Analysis support officer

In addition, we have invited a parent representative from one of our local ASN parent support groups, and a pupil from our Young Ambassador for Inclusion group.

Yours sincerely



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(Chief Education Officer)