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Dear Principal,

**CIRCULAR GUIDANCE FOR SCHOOLS ON SUPPORTING REMOTE LEARNING TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL CONTINUITY**

The Department and its Arms' Length Bodies have been engaging with schools during the current period of remote learning. The Circular published today aims to provide advice and guidance to schools on supporting remote learning drawing on both what schools have reported and relevant local and international literature

This circular is emerging thinking designed to bring together what we are learning about good practice during this unprecedented time for our education system. It is not intended to be prescriptive but to support schools as they develop and refine their practice around remote learning. I hope you will find it a useful starting point.

As you are aware, in recognition of the challenges of the current context, the Department has established a Continuity of Learning Project, to oversee the production and dissemination of a range of high quality support and guidance for teachers, parents and learners. This project is being co-ordinated by the Education Authority, working in collaboration with a wide range of other education support organisations and drawing on input from school leaders and teachers. The publication of today's Circular will be followed by more detailed guidance and resources. The Continuity of Learning Project provides an opportunity for practitioners, school leaders and education support organisations to work together, to support our children and young people and to sustain learning for everyone, through these challenging times.

Yours faithfully,

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