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Dear Colleague,

For Your Urgent Attention: Change in Policy Regarding Registration of Pupils Attending PRUs

You may be aware of very recent publicity regarding Ofsted's definition of off-rolling children being broadened to include children who have transferred from a school roll to a PRU roll. In response, Suffolk County Council has identified the need to update its guidance to schools and PRUs.

Please find enclosed a policy note containing revised guidance regarding the registration of pupils attending a Pupil Referral Unit or private Alternative Provision. As I am sure you appreciate this matter needs to be addressed as a priority and therefore this guidance is for immediate implementation. I am conscious that because of the need to act swiftly we have not been able to consult on this guidance, but we would welcome feedback if there is anything about the guidance note that you feel is unclear or unhelpful.

Please note that if you have any children who have been removed from a mainstream school roll to attend a Pupil Referral Unit or Alternative Provision provider, without going through a permanent exclusions process, they will need to be placed back on the mainstream school's roll immediately. This is perhaps most pressing for those pupils who entered Year 11 in September 2019 where this may have recently occurred.

Should you require any further clarification please contact Jamie Mills, Provider Development and Development Manager via e-mail jamie.mills@suffolk.gov.uk or via telephone 01473 265694.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Judith Mobbs".

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