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|  | **Department of Children’s Services**Date: 17 October 2019  |
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Dear Headteacher/Principal,

**RE: EU EXIT: PREPARATIONS FOR BRADFORD SCHOOLS.**

As you will know, the United Kingdom is due to leave the European Union on the 31st October 2019.  We want to ensure that you are supported through this process. You may be unsure of the consequences of Brexit and want some guidance on the issues that might be raised and how to prepare for these.

The Council is committed to supporting our school community through Brexit. We are proud of the work our schools undertake and value the diversity of our school communities.

This letter signposts you to sources of advice and guidance that will help you to prepare for Brexit and help you to reassure and support your school community.

In order to ensure schools are ready for the 31st October deadline, the DfE have produced guidance for schools which covers:

* Travel to the EU
* Data protection
* Exchange students
* EU Settlement Scheme
* Recognition of teaching qualifications
* Checking for EEA regulating authority teacher sanctions or restrictions
* Supply chains

We recommend that schools should identify any staff, pupils, family members (especially vulnerable children) who will be affected by the changes and support them in whatever way they can through the EU Settlement Scheme.

All Bradford schools which are planning visits to the EU on or after the 31st October, even if not subscribed to the Outdoor Education Service and Evolve, are asked to inform our Outdoor Education Adviser. outdooreducation@bradford.gov.uk. It is important that schools follow DfE guidance and also seek advice from tour operators and insurance companies.

Schools should also liaise with any contractors on their Business Continuity arrangements and put into place any advised contingencies. This is with regard especially to food supply, fuel, maintenance, data storage and utilities.

It is important that schools review their own systems including data storage and supply chains to be fully informed of how a “no deal EU exit” will affect the day-to-day running of the school and again, where possible, have contingencies in place.

General guidance and information will be published on the [Get ready for Brexit](https://www.gov.uk/brexit?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIyoLdm8Xp5AIVSIjVCh0hQAyGEAAYASAAEgLlR_D_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds#business) website.

Further guidance for schools can be found at the [DfE gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk/prepare-eu-exit/education) website.

And in the following sites:

* [Prepare for EU Exit](https://www.gov.uk/prepare-eu-exit)

# [Passport rules for travel to Europe after Brexit](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/passport-rules-for-travel-to-europe-after-brexit)

* [EU Exit: no deal preparations for schools in England](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/eu-exit-no-deal-preparations-for-schools-in-england/eu-exit-no-deal-preparations-for-schools-in-england)
* [UK nationals travelling to the EU: essential information](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/uk-nationals-travelling-to-eu-essential-information)
* [Erasmus+ and ESC in the UK if there's no Brexit deal](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/erasmus-in-the-uk-if-theres-no-brexit-deal)
* [Settled and pre-settled status for EU citizens and their families](https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/applying-for-settled-status)
* [Leaving the EU without a deal– 6 steps to take](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/data-protection-eu-exit-guidance/leaving-the-eu-without-a-deal-6-steps-to-take)
* [ABTA Brexit advice](https://www.abta.com/tips-and-advice/brexit-advice-for-travellers)

There are a number of hubs across Bradford District where EU-citizens and their families can go to access advice and support on Brexit and the Settlement Scheme.

* [Access-support](https://www.bradford.gov.uk/your-community/brexit-and-the-settlement-scheme/access-support/)

If you have any questions please contact David Maw on 01274 439600 or email: outdooreducation@bradford.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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