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Dear Gemma

**Chineham Park Primary School: statutory notice under schedule 7 of the
Education and Inspections Act 2006**

Thank you for your letter of 12 January 2010.

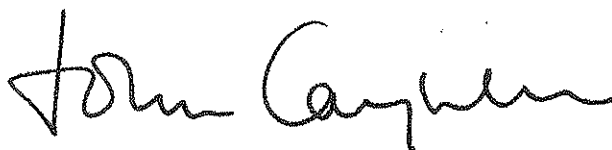
The Local Authority has taken the following steps to address the issues in Chineham Park Primary School:

1. In October 2009, the Authority commenced consultation on a proposal to close Chineham Park Primary School with effect from 31 August 2010. Statutory notices setting out the County Council's intention to close the school have been published and a final decision will be made by the Council's Cabinet in March.
2. In advance of the Cabinet's decision and in order to facilitate smooth transfers of pupils in the event of the school's closure, officers of the Authority are in the process of engaging with parents to ascertain potential preferences for alternative school provision.
3. An experienced acting headteacher is currently in charge. She is the headteacher of an outstanding school who has carried out similar work in other failing schools. She will be leading the school until the planned closure. The substantive headteacher is no longer working in the school.

Director of Children's Services & Deputy Chief
Executive
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4. LA support and challenge continues. This has never been judged less than satisfactory by HMI monitoring visits. The focus remains upon maximising pupil outcomes over the next two terms and ensuring there is an effective transfer of these pupils into other local schools. Consequently the substantial level of support through subject consultants and inspectors, the advanced skills teacher, specialists in the Early Years and the School Improvement Partner will continue. Monitoring will continue every half term. This will be carried out by the District Manager and School Improvement Partner. The Strategy Group will meet regularly to hold the school to account and co-ordinate LA support for the school. Closure would be co-ordinated through this group.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Coughlan'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'John' being more prominent than the last name 'Coughlan'.

John Coughlan
Director of Children's Services & Deputy Chief Executive