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**Dear Parents** 

## REVIEW OF BRITISH FORCES CYPRUS EDUCATION DELIVERY MODEL PHASE 2 (SECONDARY SCHOOLING)

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some developments in the rebuild of the schools in Cyprus which will affect the provision of Secondary education in the coming years.

Now that most of the force posture 'on island' is set, including the decision that JSSU children will attend the new Queen Berengaria School in Dhekelia, and knowing as we do that neither of our two secondary schools are seismically compliant, we need to look at ways of providing the best secondary education on island for the BFC/SBAA of the future.

Defence Children Services Schools & Settings is therefore reviewing its future delivery model for secondary edcuation in Cyprus across the age range 11-18 years (Key Stages 3-5. The Review will examine options for 'new build' Early, Middle and Upper schools, together with opportunities for 'on island' or UK boarding and outsourcing. Any <u>build</u> is not likely to start until 2025/26 so change is not imminent, but an early decision is important – it will inform a complex programme and give certainty to our successors' successors.

The review will include the views of key stakeholders, including current and future parents and young people, to help shape the best secondary education for the BFC/SBAA of the future. We therefore wish to invite you to take part in a short but important questionnaire which can be accessed by clicking the link <u>here</u>. There will also be an opportunity to volunteer to engage in subsequent focus groups via the questionnaire – one for each station.

The final report with recommendations is due 30 Apr 22 for a decision in Q2 this year.

We will continue to keep you updated throughout the process as it progresses.

I have also written to all teachers and, with CBF, to the chain of command.

## Yours sincerely,

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