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To Headteachers in Local Authority Maintained Schools

Dear Headteacher

The NASUWT has asked our representative to draw to your attention a copy of the letter the Union has sent to the Director of Education/Childrens Services in your local authority.

The text of the letter is attached and its contents are, we hope, self-explanatory.

Headteachers are facing an extremely challenging task and the NASUWT is committed to working with employers and headteachers to seek to ensure that the outcome of the planning for the wider opening of schools, in which you have been asked to engage, is one which protects the health, safety and welfare of staff and pupils in a context where, if the wrong decisions are made, the result will be serious illness for some and, in some cases, death.

The NASUWT has produced a wide range of advice and guidance for its members which we are happy to share with headteachers and employers.

We hope that you find the information contained in the letter to Directors helpful, particularly the references to the statutory obligations on employers and the legal rights and entitlements of employees, which provide the context for any planning in which schools are to engage.

Yours sincerely

Dr Patrick Roach **General Secretary**