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Dear Sir/Madam

As I am sure you will be aware, the UK government is planning to take the UK out of the European Union. In preparation for this, we are writing to all parents to ensure that both they and their children are prepared for the UK leaving the EU.

If you are an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, you and your family can apply to the **EU Settlement Scheme** to continue living in the UK after **30 June 2021**. If your application is successful, you will be awarded either 'settled' or 'pre-settled' status. It is very important to bear in mind that you will also need to make an application for your child(ren) if they are not UK citizens.

You may be able to stay in the UK without applying - for example, if you are an Irish citizen or have indefinite leave to remain (also known as 'permanent residency'). At the date of this letter, the deadline for applying is **30 June 2021**. However, if the UK leaves the EU without a deal, then the deadline for applying will be 31 December 2020. To apply for settled or pre-settled status, you will need to make your application online at <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/applying-for-settled-status>.

If you think that this may affect you, we strongly recommend reading all of the guidance on the government website at <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families> which should answer the vast majority of any queries you might have.

Yours sincerely



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