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Dear @Ofstednews
Re: Teachers have passed the test the Government have failed
My letter in response to @GavinWilliamson's request for parents to complain about online provision of learning during global pandemic. It might appeal to parents & #EduTwitter alike. THREAD■■

I would like to echo the recent recommendation of my MP, who I understand has education as one of their priorities.
They lead with religious and political faith, and I'd like you to lend from their methods of applying faith over fact, if you could.

You see, I have faith in schools communicating clearly, consistently and safely as the facts have demonstrated they can.
Unlike the cabinet. https://t.co/3uctLcmFoe

> Priti Patel announces even more deaths than I was expecting: "Three hundred thousand, thirty four, nine hundred and seventy four thousand"
> That's almost twelvty ten squidillion.#COVID19 #pritipatel pic.twitter.com/Jf7a5E7BfI
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> — Parody Boris Johnson (@BorisJohnson_MP) April 11, 2020

Schools have acknowledged the fear and confusion communities have suffered when this government has failed to deliver clear and consistent messages that lend to 'common sense'. https://t.co/LQVObae3Zm

This, despite the fact their 'common sense' pleas for the contradicting that of their own dangerous behaviour.
https://t.co/jz9cxkO2sP

I have faith that my children are well cared for, as provision from schools for the most vulnerable and keyworker children has never stopped and learning from home has provided child-focused, innovative, personal and professional support.

This, despite the fact that the 'Christian' leader of the House criticises international support for deprived families.
https://t.co/7ATgFHAsmr

I have faith that the schools are prioritising wider community needs, as the facts of the new variant come into focus.

This, despite the fact that school leaders acting as 'Captains of their own ship' in areas of rapid infection were threatened with legal action for wanting to protect @nhsmillion & community by this government. https://t.co/ez0dd2DJz7

I have faith that schools are leaning on facts to inform their safety critical decision making.

This, despite repeated cabinet lies stating that 'schools are safe', when the scientific evidence (here, dated 8th December) shows them, repeatedly, this is untrue. https://t.co/RAafVfSd6t

I have faith that schools, with the support of healthcare professionals in the field (my brother, leading a covid unit, included) are resiliently maintaining professional standards.

When the facts are this government has repeatedly rejected the bedrock of political life, the Nolan principles.
https://t.co/c61oooFWMx

I have every faith that schools are communicating effectively, using all channels available to them to safely explain policy decisions & reassure communities when this government has failed to deliver the same with economic, legal and fatal consequences.
https://t.co/B39SWLiynD

I have every faith that the school will work efficiently and economically in the best interests of those they serve, with the limited provision granted them by this government.

This, despite the fact that test and trace is *still* not working, with cronyism and abuse of public funds well documented here. @sophie_e_hill ■■
https://t.co/r2c3Hkf8cR

I have every faith that the over-promised and over-promoted laptops, lining donor's pockets in the process, will reach families who need them... once the negotiated contact has been delivered to schools. ■■■■■https://t.co/WjogzEuwGS

Most importantly, I have every faith that without fear nor favour, the educators of this country will continue to give our children & future talent pipeline of this country the skills, knowledge & experiences they need to critically assess individual & collective problems.

Government attempts to limit the curriculum, critical thinking & 'flattening the grass' will fail & this government will be held to account.
https://t.co/dimY4KQDT9

I take solace that the fact the government's 'world-beating' failings are being delivered by a cabinet where two-thirds were privately educated provides adequate illustration of how *not* to teach.

In conclusion, if we look at the facts, schools and their leaders have done an exemplary job of managing this pandemic, despite the fact that the government has failed the same test.

Schools have responded quickly, honestly, consistently and with integrity in contrast to the delays, lies, hypocrisy and failings of this government. (Credit @alexwickham for timeline)

And I have every faith that school leaders will continue to act in the best interests of pupils, parents, staff, suppliers and communities, despite the fact that this government can't or won't. https://t.co/HJZQ6arGMa

Many thanks again to the school leaders, staff & suppliers for their over politicised and under-valued role in managing this pandemic and, as this government fails, Britain's future. Yours sincerely, Parent of 2.

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