

DRAFT LETTER TO EA

Dear Sir,

I am informing you that this school will not be participating in the stock-taking exercise which you informed us of on 16th May, for the following reasons:

- (1) It contravenes the Workload Agreement as time budgets have already been defined for this year, therefore a teacher cannot be asked to be responsible for it.
- (2) The time scale for the return of the information is unrealistic, given all the demands that schools already have to balance at the same time as ensuring that pupils receive an education.
- (3) This is a new initiative which may impact on teachers' terms and conditions but it has not been raised at the Joint Working Party where such terms and conditions are normally discussed.
- (4) Principals are having this extra responsibility placed on their shoulders at a time when their workload is already unacceptably high.

To ask principals to do what is essentially an administrative role which is the responsibility of EA at a time when principals and teachers are already highlighting that there is insufficient time to carry out the existing duties as well as teach pupils properly is a further insult to their professionalism. Morale is already at an all-time low – this request adds insult to injury!

Yours sincerely,