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School Estate Management – Education Estates Working Group

You have considerable responsibilities for the safety, security and strategic management of the school land and buildings that you occupy, and as the leading professional organisations with a particular interest and expertise in school estate management, we are very aware of the issues and pressures you are facing.

In order to help you fully understand your estates related responsibilities and support the development of your skills and capacity, we have formed a cross sector Education Estates Working Group - the logos of the eight founding member organisations are in the header of this letter.

Our aim is to provide a coordinated hub of estates related information and support for schools and their staff involved in estates issues. Through working together, we hope to raise awareness of the complexities involved in managing land and buildings, promote good practice and support schools to identify and source training needs and opportunities. This will include identifying technical guidance material and training offerings bespoke to the schools' sector.

It is now over a year since the Government published its Good Estate Management for Schools guidance setting out the basics of how to manage the school estate effectively. As a formal group, we have a close and constructive working relationship with the Department for Education which enables us to keep abreast of, and inform future policy development in this area.

We will continue to promote the importance of good estate management through events hosted by the member organisations and others such as the Education Estates Conference held on 15/16 October and the Institute of School Business Leadership (ISBL) national conference on 21-22 November.

We do hope that you will find the activities of the Education Estates Working Group of interest and benefit, and we would welcome your input to ensure this is maintained. Further information can be found here www.cipfa.org/eewg or through contact with any of the member organisations.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Reade", is written over a white rectangular background.

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