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## Support for Families Following Recent Disorder

I want to begin by saying that our thoughts are with everyone who has been affected by the distressing incidents in our communities over the past week.

I know this has been a really worrying time for some families, particularly those from minority ethnic and newcomer communities. You may be feeling anxious about travelling or about sending your children to school, and these concerns are completely understandable.

At the same time, being in school, surrounded by friends and supported by trusted staff, can help children feel safer and more settled. This is especially important for those sitting GCSEs, AS levels and A levels.

I want to reassure you that your child's education, safety and wellbeing remain our absolute priorities. It is also important for you to know that schools and EA services remain open and are committed to providing safe, caring and welcoming spaces for children of all backgrounds, nationalities and faiths.

School staff will be there to listen, reassure and provide support, and schools can also connect you to other types of support if needed. Further information on EA's support services and additional help is available on our website at [Update on Disturbances | Education Authority](#)

CCEA has also confirmed that exams are continuing as planned and pupils are encouraged to attend as usual, leaving extra time for travel if needed. If you have any questions in relation to exams, you can speak with your school and further information is available on the CCEA website at: [Special Consideration following an examination | CCEA](#).

Finally, violence and racism have no place in our society, schools and communities and should be utterly condemned. Please be assured that we will continue to work with schools, families and partner agencies to support those affected and to protect every child and young person's access to education.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eve Bremner', with a small flourish at the end.

**Eve Bremner**  
Chief Education Officer

“To inspire, support and challenge all our Children and Young People to be the best that they can be.”

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