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Natasha – following the SoS’s discussion with SoS Education, please see below the finalised list of areas where it was agreed primary school opening will be delayed for two weeks. Secretaries of State agreed to a presumption of re-opening after the two week period, unless there has been a further marked deterioration in the public health situation.

The aim of delaying primary school opening next week is explicitly to reduce transmission in order to relieve pressure on the NHS. Given the list below excludes significant parts of the South East which are experiencing acute operational pressure and have case rates that continue to rise, we do not believe this proposal achieves that objective. It does not, therefore, represent the consensus public health view.

Please also note that there is a danger of confusion around messaging, especially in London where the list below leaves a number of “islands” at LTLA level. This goes against the established principles of not setting thresholds and using geographies that make sense to how people live, work and move.

Note finally, that there has been no opportunity to socialise this proposal with local authority colleagues.

Areas:

E Sussex - Hastings and Rother

Kent & Medway - Ashford, Dartford, Gravesham, Maidstone, Sevenoaks, Medway, Tonbridge and Malling, Tunbridge Wells and Swale

Hertfordshire – Broxbourne, Hertsmere, Watford and Three Rivers

Bedfordshire – Milton Keynes

London --

Essex – Brentwood, Basildon, Epping Forest, Castle Point, Rochford, Harlow, Chelmsford, Braintree, Maldon, Southend-on-sea and Thurrock