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By email:

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Dear Lisa-Marie,

I write in reply to your letter of 18th July to the NEU Joint General Secretaries, Mary Bousted and Kevin Courtney.

We received the Open Letter you refer to from NEU members and non-members last week. We receive communications from members, groups of members and non-members on a regular basis about a range of issues. The letter was not from a formal structure of the Union. The Open Letter has not been put into the public domain by us, and we will not be sharing it, circulating or commenting on it in public.

There was a discussion at the NEU's National Executive Committee on Saturday 16th July about the Open Letter. There are no proposals to put those internal discussions into the public domain.

Thank you for offering to meet with the NEU.

I'm sure you are aware of the range of urgent issues which teachers and support staff, all mainly women, face currently, not least of which is the cost of living pressures and the challenge to support students after Covid (and during this intense heat wave).

Due to these urgent priorities for our Joint General Secretaries and senior staff, we're not able to provide a commitment to arrange a meeting at the moment.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. Curley".

Rachel Curley
Deputy General Secretary