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The Association of the Parents' Associations of  
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Dear Ms Gorey,

Thank you for your letter of 26<sup>th</sup> January.

Your letter covers two points. The first one comes back to the governance issue we discussed previously and the second point concerns a very specific point, i.e. the reasons which led the Commission to conclude that certain expenses related to L1 classes created only for category 3 pupils in Culham were unjustified as these classes were not organised according to the rules.

On the issue of governance, I would like to refer you to my letter of 22 November and to the content of our in depth discussion on 2 December.

On both occasions I explained in detail to you (and to Ms van Vrede on 2 December) the legal reasons, linked to the budgetary responsibilities of the Commission, which not only allow but oblige us to ensure that the budget of the European Schools is properly spent, in full conformity with the rules.

There is no contradiction between these rules and the Governance system of the European Schools and furthermore, there is no need for clarification. The Board of Governors (BoG), composed of the Member States, the Patent Office (and the Commission) is fully aware of the responsibilities of the Commission in the budgetary sphere.

Regarding the second point raised in your letter, I can only confirm what Mr. Moricca wrote in his letter of 17 January, i.e. that the classes in question were not organised in conformity with the applicable rules. To be more specific, the Commission had applied rules dating from 1982 whereas these had been abrogated by new rules adopted by the BoG in 1998.

The Commission's position, as expressed by Mr. Moricca was therefore clearly in line with the rules adopted by the BoG.

I hope this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

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