As you may be aware, the EU Settlement Scheme was established by the British Home Office as a means of creating a system for EU, EEA, and Swiss nationals, to apply and retain their rights following the end to freedom of movement for EU citizens as a result of Brexit. These rights include the right to live, work, study, and access healthcare here. Anyone who was resident here before the 31st of December 2020 is eligible to apply, and the application is also free.

The British Home Office's deadline for the Scheme is the 30th of June 2021.

It has come to our attention that information provided by the British Home Office about the EU Settlement Scheme has not been adequate, and as a result, many applicants are not aware that they need to make applications for their children as well. As a consequence of this, children could lose their settled status after the 30th June, without their parents knowing. This could cause many complications for families, such as accessing GPs, or applying to schools for next term.

Therefore, I encourage you to raise awareness of the EU Settlement Scheme deadline with pupils who are themselves, or are children of, EU citizens not born in Ireland or Britain and their parents.