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For the attention of Mr Patrick Brown

Dear Sirs,

**Oxgangs Primary School
Gable Wall Failure – 28th January 2016**

Further to your email requesting that we assist with the following Councillor query, we advise accordingly.

“Why a full structural survey was not done after the first wall collapse in January”

Following the failure of the gable wall, Will Rudd Davidson were requested by the City of Edinburgh Council to attend and advise on the course of action appropriate to address the issue arising from this event.

As a consequence of the event, an inspection of the gable and similar situations were carried out.

- 1) To safeguard the current remaining wall at the failure location.
- 2) To advise on the continued operation of the school in a manner proportionate to the event.

In order to safeguard the remaining wall a remedial proposal was developed that achieved this, and to allow further remedial investigations and repairs to commence.

At the time of inspection, the failure of the wall was considered to be a local event at a more exposed gable wall. A visual inspection of the school revealed no further visible defects and given that the internal leaf remained in situ, and that there was no other damage, there was no reason to recommend further detailed surveys (apart from the gable). This is a normal and proportionate response to the local damage following a high wind event.

Our letter of 2nd February 2016 advised that the school could continue to operate with the exclusion around the gable area, with a recommendation of further investigation of the reasons for the failure.

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We trust that the foregoing allows you to explain the assessment undertaken at the time.

Yours sincerely,



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