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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to pledge the commitment of Brunel University London to the Stand Alone Pledge. By supporting the Stand Alone Pledge we hope both to encourage a positive sector-wide change and embed support for estranged students at Brunel University London.

The Widening Participation team is committed to expanding the support which is currently on offer to care leavers to estranged students and developing the right conditions for estranged students to survive and thrive at university.

Working together with Stand Alone we will identify estranged students at Brunel University London and disseminate information across the University to increase the understanding of the barriers faced by estranged students.

The dedicated contact for estranged students, Karen Western, will develop an action plan to be implemented over the two-year life time of the Pledge. This will drive forward a range of initiatives across the four areas of the Pledge - finance, accommodation, mental health and well-being, access and transition.

We are proud to be associated with Stand Alone and the work to promote support and celebrate the ambitions and achievements of estranged students.

Yours faithfully

Prof William Leahy

Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic)

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