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Headteachers from different primary schools across St Albans have written a joint letter (Picture: Getty Images)

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