



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

23 March 1983

*Dear Tony,*

As you know, the next meeting of the Family Policy Group is on 19 April. This is to let you know that the Prime Minister would like to discuss at that meeting a paper (or papers) by the Departments of Education and Science, and the Environment, on their proposals for extending access to council and school leisure facilities following the discussion at the last meeting of the Group. The Prime Minister hopes that that paper will include consideration of the proposal for a right of access to such facilities.

The Prime Minister would also be grateful if the forthcoming meeting of the Family Policy Group could also consider the paper which she understands is in preparation in the Home Office on the voluntary movement. She considers that it would also be convenient to take at that meeting the paper from the Departments of Education and Science, and Health and Social Security, following up the discussion of preparation for parenthood at the last meeting.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Private Secretaries to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Secretaries of State for Education and Science, Industry, Transport, Social Services, Employment, the Environment, the Lord Privy Seal, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, the Minister for Overseas Development and to John Sparrow, and for information to the Private Secretaries to the Secretaries of State for Scotland and Wales.

*Yours ever,*

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PRIME MINISTER

Family Policy Group

The next meeting of the Group is on 19 April. I have assumed that you will wish to take at that meeting the report by the Departments of the Environment and Education and Science on their proposals for extending access to council and school leisure facilities following the discussion at the last meeting. I have told both Departments that you will wish to see positive proposals including the consideration of the Chancellor's idea of a right of access to public facilities at that meeting. Is this correct?

*Yes please*

The Home Office have in preparation a paper on extending the voluntary principle which we ought to take soon. Are you content that we place it on the agenda for the meeting on 19 April? *Yes*  
It might also be convenient to take at that time the joint paper from DES and DHSS which was promised during the discussion of "preparation for partenthood" at the last meeting. Do you agree?

*Yes - Charles  
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