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Dear Lord Lexden,

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Thank you for your questions on Tuesday 3 September about Ambassador schools for flexible working and Behaviour Hubs during the Oral Statement on Education Funding.

You mentioned the success of some schools in operating different flexible working practices for their teachers. We agree there are multiple examples of schools doing this well and we want to build on them. Teachers are asking for more flexible working options and it is way to attract and keep teachers in the profession. As you know we are developing Ambassador schools to promote such practice and I will write with more information as the details of this develop.

You also asked about Behaviour Hubs. In October 2018, the Government announced £10 million of funding across three years for the establishment of the Behaviour Hubs programme. The hubs will be made up of schools with exemplary behaviour management practices and effective whole-school cultures. They will work with other schools to offer advice on ways to manage behaviour better, using proven behaviour measures that have been proven to have an effect.

The programme will launch in September 2020, with the exact number of lead schools each year dependent on the quality and quantity of applications we receive. There will be an open application process to recruit suitable lead schools who can demonstrate their behaviour expertise and capacity to work with a small group of other schools to improve.

I hope this letter has been useful and I will place a copy in the House Libraries.


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