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Dear Andrew,

The Schools Bill

As you know, we announced a Schools Bill in the Queen's Speech on 10 May. I am pleased to share with you further details regarding the Bill and set out with greater clarity what it aims to achieve. This Bill is an excellent opportunity to create a stronger and fairer school system that works for every child. I hope that you will have a close interest in this Bill and would be very happy to discuss it further with you.

The Schools Bill will provide the necessary legislation to underpin the Government's ambitious reforms as set out in the Schools White Paper published in March of this year, as well as taking forward important safeguarding reforms to ensure that more children receive a safe and effective education. Subject to parliamentary passage, the Bill will:

- Create a system which will level up standards by improving the accountability framework for trusts and introducing powers to intervene where necessary;
- Support more schools to benefit from being part of a supportive family of schools in strong trusts, including faith schools and grammar schools;
- Ensure that funding is allocated fairly and consistently to all mainstream schools, regardless of where they are in the country;
- Strengthen the school attendance system so all children can be supported and can benefit from being in school;
- Keep more children safe wherever they are educated by registering more educational institutions, and working with partners to enhance investigation and enforcement;
- Introduce children not in school registers to help local authorities identify children of compulsory school age who are not currently registered in full-time education in schools, and create a duty on local authorities to provide support to home educating families; and,
- strengthen and expand the remit of the Teaching Regulation Agency to allow for enhanced handling of teacher misconduct and the prohibition of unsuitable teachers from the profession.

I hope to have your support for this legislation as it makes its way through the House. Please let me know if you would value a meeting or if you would like me to arrange a briefing session for you with officials.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diana Barran".

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