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Dear Rosie

I'd like to thank you for the interesting debate on the amendments to the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill regarding Climate and Emergencies.

I committed to write to you on your questions regarding climate adaptation.

Regarding your request to ask schools a list of questions regarding their experiences of this summer's weather, the department does not have plans to carry out a formal programme of questionnaires with schools on this topic.

Likewise, regarding your question on providing data on the department's assessment of the plans of schools, the department does not collect this information and does not have plans to begin doing so.

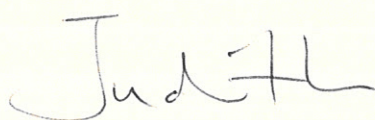
The department will, however, continue to work with the sector to better understand the impact of climate change and to amplify good practice and initiatives.

The department recognises the challenges that can be posed by high summer temperatures and provides guidance to help schools manage heat, available here: [Hot weather and heatwaves – The Education Hub](#). While the department continues to monitor research, there are no plans to move the exam timetable. Changing the timetable would have significant implications for the academic calendar, admissions processes, and students' study time and exam preparation.

During the debate, I outlined how the department's sustainability strategy introduced an expectation for all schools to develop a Climate Adaptation Plan and how this is supported by a network of Climate Ambassadors. I would like to reiterate the department's commitment to this and highlight that the requirement for a climate action plan has been included in the recently updated Estate Management Standards. This policy is designed to ensure that action is taken at a responsible body and/or setting level to ensure that children and young people are prepared for a changing future and that sustainability (and climate resilience) is built into the operation of the setting.

Thank you again for taking the time to engage on these matters. I hope these further details have been useful and I will place a copy in the House libraries.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Judith'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'J' and a stylized 'H' at the end.

BARONESS BLAKE OF LEEDS, CBE