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Dear Ivan and Graham,

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Thank you so much for your email of 15 July and for your kind words on my appointment. I am delighted to have been appointed Secretary of State for Education and Minister for Women and Equalities.

Our children and young people deserve an education that prepares them for a happy and fulfilling life where they are able to play a full part in modern Britain. We are committed to making this a country that works for everyone, and so it is essential that every child in this country receives a high-quality education, regardless of their background or where they live. As someone who was educated in our state school system, I know how vital this is.

It is an honour to continue the Government's ambitious education reforms and a privilege to work closely with the country's dedicated and hard-working teachers and school leaders, without whom our vision for education would not be possible.

I am equally thrilled to be carrying on the Government's important equalities work as Minister for Women and Equalities. I am committed to fostering a fairer society in our country, in which all people – no matter their gender, race, sexuality or beliefs – are able to prosper.

As you may be aware, the new school funding system will now apply from 2018-19. This is because one major theme to arise from the first stage of the consultation was the sense that this is a once in a generation opportunity for a historic change. We must, therefore, ensure that our approach is exactly right.

The Government remain absolutely committed to introducing fairer funding for schools, high needs and early years. We will publish our full response to the first stage of the schools and high needs consultations and set out our proposals for the second stage once Parliament returns in the autumn. We will run a full consultation, and make final decisions at the beginning of 2017.

I know that you engaged constructively with my predecessor on this issue, and I very much look forward to working with you in the near future. Once again, thank you for writing.

*Best Wishes,
Justine*

RT HON JUSTINE GREENING MP