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Dear Ivan

Thank you for your letter of 16 July and your kind words on my appointment.

It is an honour to take forward the Government's education reforms and a privilege to work with Britain's dedicated and professional teachers, school leaders and educational organisations. I look forward to the challenge ahead.

Fairer funding for local authorities is a priority for the Government, and I know that my officials have enjoyed a productive relationship with f40 in working to address this issue. As you will be aware, the Government released the results of the *Fairer Schools Funding in 2015-16* consultation shortly after you wrote to me. The measures set out in this document will mean that, for the first time in a decade, funding is allocated to local authorities on the basis of the actual characteristics of their pupils and schools rather than simply their historic levels of spending. The proposed strategy of setting minimum funding levels for every authority is a big step towards achieving a fully fair system, and I am grateful for f40's input and expertise in the consultation process.

I would have enjoyed the opportunity to meet you to discuss f40's work further. I sorry to say that, because of heavy diary pressures, I am unable to do so at present. I would be interested to hear f40's views on our reforms once the new funding system has had time to take effect, however, and look forward to discussing the matter with you then.

With all best wishes
Nicky

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I am sure we will meet in Leicestershire in the
not too distant future