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Dear Mr McInnes,

Thank you for your kind letter of congratulations on my appointment.

It is a privilege to be appointed as the Minister for School Standards. I believe that every child deserves the best start in life, regardless of their background or circumstances. All children and young people should have access to a high quality education, which is engaging, challenging, and allows them to achieve their potential.

Having both made my maiden speech on school funding and campaigned on this matter for many years I am excited by the opportunity to work as a minister on delivering the national funding formula.

I am delighted to be joining a strong team at a crucial time for the sector and I am looking forward to supporting brilliant teaching and the best outcomes for the next generation.

I believe you have also written to the Secretary of State, who will be responding to your concerns in more detail.

Thank you for your kind invitation to meet. You will appreciate that my office is in the process of working on my diary and I am grateful for your patience while this happens. I will be in touch in due course if I am able to meet.

Yours sincerely,