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Dear Munira,

I hope this finds you well - it'd be great to catch up sometime soon. In particular to find out where City Hall is with supporting London primary schools (I have a good idea about support for secondaries through involvement with The London Curriculum, but I have less insight into your work with primaries). Until then...

Please find attached an embargoed copy of the latest report, *'Primary Focus: the next stage of improvement for primary schools in England'*, from the education team at Policy Exchange.

This report will be published tomorrow. Until then it is strictly embargoed until 00.01 on Tuesday 23 September.

This report is about how the primary sector can build the capacity and capability it needs to improve teaching and learning. It is about how government can best use the expertise of the most effective schools, leaders and teachers to deliver benefits across the wider system.

Our headline proposal is that over the course of the next Parliament, government should commit to a transformation programme whereby every primary school spins out from the Local Authority and chooses a chain to join. We also propose that any Local Authority that wishes can set up its own chain, called a Learning Trust. Schools can opt into these chains, if they wish. Alternatively, they may set up their own chain or join another. We also recommend that some schools, under set criteria, should be able to switch chains if they believe their needs are better served elsewhere.

Part of the reason for sending this to you now is that you may be contacted for comment by the press, who have also received advance copies of the report.

As ever, I would be delighted to discuss further.

With best wishes, [REDACTED]

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