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Dear Constituent,

Thank you for contacting me about school funding.

I welcome the plans to introduce a system that will ensure every child is funded fairly and according to their specific needs, delivering the pledge to build a country that works for everyone, not just the privileged few.

The core schools budget has remained protected in real terms since 2010, but the current system for distributing this funding across the country is unfair. In order to address this unfairness, the Government has published its fair funding proposals, to ensure that children with similar characteristics and similar needs attract similar levels of funding, regardless of where they live.

As a result of the proposed national funding formula, due to be introduced from 2018, more than 10,000 schools would gain funding, including more than 3,000 receiving an increase of more than 5 per cent by 2020. The formula includes significant protections so that no school would face a reduction of more than more than 1.5 per cent per pupil per year or 3 per cent per pupil overall.

The proposed reforms will mean an end to historical unfairness and underfunding for certain schools, giving parents the confidence that every child will have an equal opportunity to fulfil their potential.

The proposals will help schools to make the best use of their resources and manage cost pressures by directing resources where they are needed most, and by giving schools greater certainty so they can plan ahead with confidence. I am encouraged that support will continue to be provided to schools to help them become more efficient and manage their budgets well, helping them achieve the highest standards for their pupils.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

**CHRIS HEATON-HARRIS MP
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR DAVENTRY**