



Right Honourable Damian Hinds MP  
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Department for Education  
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Dear Secretary of State,

As Chair and Vice Chair of f40, the campaign group for fairer funding of education, we want to offer our warmest congratulations to you on being promoted to the position of Secretary of State for Education in this week's Cabinet reshuffle.

The f40 Group hopes that you have a very successful tenure in this extremely high-profile role and we look forward to developing a constructive and productive relationship with you.

As a Member of Parliament representing a part of Hampshire, a county that is a member of f40, we are certain that school funding will be close to the top of your agenda. We are naturally concerned to ensure that the excellent relationship we established with your predecessor, The Rt Hon Justine Greening MP and the Department for Education generally, is maintained as we move forward with the new National Funding Formula and we consider further changes that will ensure the formula is truly fit for purpose.

We are sure your officials will bring you speedily up-to-date on the current position on school funding and the contribution that f40 has played and hopes to continue to play in creating a funding system that properly meets the needs of all children, in all schools and in all parts of the country.

With that in mind it might be useful to set a date for a team from f40 to meet you to discuss our concerns about the NFF as it currently stands. If you agree, f40's Secretary, Doug Allan, would be happy to work with your office to agree a time and date.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Ivan Ould'.

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*Dear Mr. Ould*

Thank you for your kind letter of 10 January, congratulating me on my appointment and inviting me to meet with you.

I am delighted and honoured to have been appointed as Secretary of State for Education. Having had a long-standing passion for education and improving social mobility, I am determined to break the link between low income and low achievement. Given the changing world economy, it is vitally important that we provide all young people with the education, skills and training they need.

It is a privilege to have the opportunity to work with our fantastic schools, colleges and universities, alongside organisations such as F40. As you know, the Government is committed to creating a balanced and fair funding system, which meets the needs of all pupils and I welcome your on-going contribution in this area. By working together to create balanced funding we will ensure that everyone has the chance to make the most of their talents and to get on in life. I want to ensure that no one is left behind, and that we deliver a modern country that is globally competitive and fit for the future.

Thank you for your kind invitation to meet. My private office will shortly be in touch to confirm details of my availability.

I very much look forward to working with you and to building on the existing relationship between F40 and the Department.

*Sincerely*  
*Damian Hinds*

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Secretary of State for Education