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Dear Sarah,

Following my appearance at the Health and Social Care Committee on 22 May, as part of its enquiry into Childhood Obesity, I write to you to clarify my comments about the voluntary healthy rating scheme for primary schools.

Since the publication of the childhood obesity plan, we have met with a range of stakeholders to discuss the best way to deliver the scheme. This is a complex and wide-ranging project, and we are taking the time necessary to ensure we deliver a successful resource for schools and children.

To that end, we are currently testing a delivery model with schools in this summer term, as we continue to explore the most effective way to deliver the scheme, building on successful resources that are already available to schools.

Although September was indicated at the inquiry, we are not yet in a position to provide a dedicated delivery date for this scheme. We will come forward with our proposals shortly, following the outcomes of our testing this summer.

Thank you for the opportunity to appear at the committee and for your ongoing work in this important area.

Yours sincerely,

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