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Dear Janet Finch-Saunders MS,

Thank you for your letter dated 3 July regarding petition P-05-990 to fully open schools in September.

On 9 July, I announced my 'back to school' plans for September, my announcement is linked [here](#). I am pleased to be able to update the Committee and confirm that all pupils will be able to return to school in September. I subsequently published updated learning and operational guidance on 14 July to provide further clarity and assurance and to enable headteachers, school staff, parents and carers to prepare for the autumn term. A link to that guidance is [attached](#).

Yours sincerely,

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