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From Rt Hon Greg Clark MP, Chair

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(By e-mail)

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Dear Mr Rahman,

Thank you for giving evidence to the Science and Technology Committee on 13 May and for your letter later that day.

In your letter you stated that you wanted to “offer some important points of clarification” in case your position was misrepresented. However, the letter was limited by way of any specific clarification.

As such, I would be grateful if you could set out for the Committee in specific detail what you said that you stand by and what you said that you wish to amend or clarify.

The Committee may also have further questions that it wishes to raise with you. We will send these to you separately.

I expect that a transcript of the session will assist you in reconsidering your evidence so I will ask for my team to send this to the department as soon as it is received. Nonetheless, a video recording is already available and, given the urgency of the situation with some schools potentially opening to more pupils from 1 June, I would be grateful for your reply no later than close of play on Tuesday 19 May.

As is the longstanding convention of courtesy, I would be grateful if when you write to the Committee you do not publish or publicise it until the Committee has had the opportunity to receive and consider it.

I will be publishing this letter, once you have received it, and your response on the Committee’s website in line with our standard procedure.

With best wishes,

Rt Hon Greg Clark MP

Chair