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Dear Robert,

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When I gave evidence to the Education Committee accountability hearings on 20 October, I inadvertently stated that *tier 1 is where all schools are at the moment*. The point I was seeking to make was that all schools in areas at local COVID alert levels 'high' and 'very high' are at education tier 1, as summarised in the DHSC [Contain Framework annex 3](#). In areas at local COVID alert level 'medium' schools are not in any tier of restriction for education.

I also stated that at education tier 3, secondary schools are only open to vulnerable children and young people and children of critical workers. I omitted to say that they are also open to selected year groups, to be identified by the Department for Education.

I hope this clarification is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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