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**Subject: Universal Infant Free School Meals**

Dear Dr Wilkins

Thank you for your letter of 10 November, addressed to the Secretary of State, about extending universal infant free school meals to all seven to eleven year old children. This has been passed to me for reply.

As you will have seen, the recent Spending Review confirmed the continuation of free school meals for all infants. The Government does not have any current plans to make free school meals available to all primary pupils. Unfortunately, we have a limited amount of funding and so we have to make choices when deciding how best to support children and schools. Although we don't have any current plans to extend free school meals to all key stage 2 pupils, children from the most disadvantaged backgrounds continue to be offered free school meals, no matter what age they are.

Thank you for writing on this important matter and I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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