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Dear Colleague,

I am writing to thank you for being a part of the Government's breakfast clubs early adopter scheme.

As an early adopter school, you will play an important role in shaping the future of the universal free breakfast club offer to families across the country – and it will be better because of your involvement.

Free, universal breakfast clubs will mean that every primary school child, no matter their circumstances, is well prepared to learn. Breakfast clubs are about much more than the food. They provide opportunities for children to play and socialise before the start of the school day, supporting children's attendance and attainment, to enable them to thrive academically and socially. It is because of schools like yours, leading the way in delivering excellent breakfast clubs, that this is possible.

I recently visited a breakfast club at Peckover Primary school in Cambridgeshire and got to see first-hand the impact they are having on children in our primary schools. Seeing the children socialise and play was great but what I found most moving was when a pupil told me: "getting to go to a breakfast club is what makes me want to go to school in the morning."

We are committed to making quick progress against our manifesto commitment to offer breakfast clubs in every state funded school with primary aged pupils, but I know that it will only be a success if we work collaboratively with schools to test what works and build on the great practice you deliver every day.

My team at the Department for Education and I are committed to working closely with you and supporting you throughout the scheme. We have developed a comprehensive support package, including publishing new quidance and a breakfast clubs blueprint, setting up peerto-peer networks and recruiting expert advisers with a range of relevant knowledge to delivering high-quality breakfast clubs. Further details this support and accessing it are provided in the welcome pack.

This early adopter 'test and learn' phase will be crucial to informing the national rollout of these new free clubs. You will have the opportunity to feedback and share insights with us throughout the early adopters scheme. We want to ensure that the knowledge and insights you gain are spread across the country as we roll out breakfast clubs nationwide.

Thank you for taking part and seizing this opportunity to inform future policy. It is only by working together that we can break down barriers to opportunity for all children. I look forward to getting out across the country, visiting more excellent breakfast clubs like this and seeing first-hand the difference you are making to children and families.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Morgan MP

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