



Department for Education

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**Stephen Morgan MP
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Ruth Levene
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Dear Ms Levene,

Thank you for your correspondence of 19 February, addressed to the Secretary of State, regarding climate change and education. I am replying as the minister responsible for this policy area.

I would like to thank you for the work you have done with Policy Lab and their MANIFEST programme over the past year and the support this has provided to the department. I was very interested to hear of the information you have collated regarding framing education in schools through the lens of climate and ecological breakdown. I know departmental officials really enjoyed your workshop and I understand that your installation at Somerset House was powerful.

We believe that every young person should leave school with an awareness and understanding of nature, the environment, climate and sustainability ready to play their part in the transformed sustainable economy of the future. The challenge of climate change is formidable. We recognise the importance of providing all children and young people with the knowledge, skills and behaviours to understand and develop a connection to the natural world, access green careers and enable them to thrive in life and work in a world with a changing climate.

The department's Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy has made excellent progress through a number of cross-cutting initiatives designed to inspire the system and young people, help education leaders plan for embedding sustainability and acting to help them to deliver against those plans.

Thank you also for your interest and suggestions regarding the independent Curriculum and Assessment Review. Although the Review's call for evidence has now closed, the Review is an ongoing process, and any updates or evidence received will, where possible, be incorporated into the Review Group's thinking. If you would like to feed your views into the Review, please email them to: curriculum-assessment.review@education.gov.uk.

The Review is seeking to deliver a rich, broad, inclusive and innovative curriculum that equips children and young people with the knowledge, skills and attributes to thrive in life and work.

The Review Group will publish an interim report in early spring setting out its findings and confirming the key areas for further work, and publish its final report with recommendations this autumn. We will take decisions on what changes to make to the curriculum in light of these recommendations. The interim report will be available on the GOV.UK website.

Thank you once again for taking the time to write on this important matter. I hope this reply is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephen Morgan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line underneath the name.

Stephen Morgan MP
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