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**Subject:** Readout of Minister Ford meeting

Attendees: Amanda, Sean, Yvette, Emily and for DfE: Minister Ford, Graham Archer, Helen Nix

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- She asked if we can be assured that there are no safeguarding concerns at the moment. Amanda said no - there is a lower level of assurance at the moment. Graham Archer said he didn't think any LAs need an urgent inspection – we know which ones we should be worried about. Yvette explained that we have done a small number of urgent inspections of children's homes and EY and are planning some remote monitoring visits of LAs.
- The minister asked for our view on the relaxation of regs. Amanda said we don't have a firm view because we haven't been inspecting, but we don't think many providers / LAs have had to use them much because sickness hasn't been as bad as feared. The minister has a debate in the Commons on Wednesday evening when she will be asked about this. She plans to announce a review of the regs before summer recess and talked about announcing assurance / support visits. She then rowed back and said that she could announce that Ofsted will look at how LAs/ providers have used the relaxations when we start inspecting again. **Yvette / Mark** – we discussed and agreed that we don't want the minister to accidentally announce assurance visits as we haven't had any conversations with SoS about this yet and need to manage the comms. Yvette is going to draft a line about looking at the relaxations when we do start up again and share with Graham Archer, and say that the minister's briefing needs to be clear that she should not talk about assurance visits. I have said the same to the DfE sponsor team.
- The minister said she 'hasn't dropped the ball on the SEND review'. She has to appear at a committee soon off-rolling and exclusions and asked us to keep up our work on this. Sean updated her in our AP work. Amanda talked about the job that schools should do to prevent the SEND label for many students. The minister feels the need for something before ECHP for some students and wants to have another conversation about that specifically.
- The minister asked if we know whether vulnerable children that are attending school are getting education or childcare. We said we didn't know, we suspect mixed, but that there needs to be clear expectations of schools.
- We talked about the challenge of getting all children back in school and the risk that remote learning becomes the new off-rolling.

Thanks  
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