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Dear Mr Hall,

Thank you for your letter of 28 September, addressed to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, about universal infant free school meals. Your letter has been forwarded to this department and I am replying as the minister responsible for this policy area.

The continuation of universal infant free school meals was a commitment in the Conservative Party's election manifesto. The government is currently conducting a Spending Review across all its programmes in England.

We want to give every child, regardless of their background, the very best start in life. This is at the heart of our reforms to school meals. We have already made good progress in this area and the new School Food Standards mean that pupils of all ages, including infants, are eating nutritious food which we know helps children to concentrate in the classroom and supports a healthy lifestyle.

Thank you for writing on this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

Sam Gyimah MP