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In my letter to you of 2 July, I set out those actions relating to the simplification of 16-19 funding, as proposed by your Board, that we would want to implement with immediate effect. I also indicated that, following further work, I would decide whether or not we would agree to a system in which the YPLA should make the payments to colleges and training providers in order to streamline processes and remove burdens.

I am therefore writing to confirm that we do want to move to such a system, and in order to cut out unnecessary and protracted discussions between providers, local authorities and the YPLA, we also want to move to a system equivalent to lagged pupil numbers.

The Secretary of State has made it very clear that he expects local authorities to continue to fulfil their strategic commissioning and influencing role. He has written to Councillor Shireen Ritchie, Chair of the Local Government Association's Children and Young People Board setting out the extent of the changes to the processes and a copy of that letter is attached for your information.

We are very much aware that the actions set out in that letter and in my earlier letter to you must be implemented smoothly, effectively and with no disruption to delivery. I would therefore ask that you work with my officials, the LGA, ADCS and schools and college representatives to make sure this is the case.

The YPLA has a fundamental role to play in supporting local authorities to fulfil their duties, including through the provision of the right kinds of data on supply and demand for 16-19 provision. I look forward to your continued

engagement in making sure all our young people can get the education and training they need to progress.

With best wishes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Gibb', written in a cursive style.

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