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Dear Graham,

Thank you for your letter of 23 May, copied to me and addressed to Ms Diana Terris, Chief Executive of Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, about the authority's guidance on home education.

I agree that the regime set out in the extract you quoted suggests a more active role for the local authority than is envisaged in the Department's guidance document or the relevant legislation. Departmental officials will write to Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council about its guidance and the way it is implemented, and I will write again when we have received a response.

Thank you for writing on this important matter and I hope this letter is helpful to you.

With best wishes,

Elizabeth Truss MP
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