

Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP
Secretary of State for Education
20 Great Smith Street
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Dear Secretary of State,

I am writing to congratulate you on your appointment, and to introduce you to the work of Full Fact as it relates to your recent announcement of a curriculum review.

Full Fact fights bad information. We're a team of independent fact checkers and campaigners who find, expose and counter the harm it does. During the 2024 general election campaign our fact checkers carried out over 450 hours of monitoring. Over the course of the election we estimate we published 217 verdicts on claims or repeated claims.

The challenge facing the new government is significant, particularly in the online safety space. We have long called for an increased emphasis on media literacy, and helped to convince the previous government to ensure that the Online Safety Act contained new media literacy duties for Ofcom. However, the change required cannot be delivered by Ofcom alone: I'm pleased that you share our concerns about young people not being equipped with the appropriate tools to spot bad information, and we welcome your intention for critical thinking to be a key element of the upcoming curriculum review.

Full Fact's expertise in detecting and campaigning against online misinformation has informed the development of our expert-led [toolkits](#). We have created various guides: from [how to spot deep fakes online](#), to [misleading headlines and statistics](#). Full Fact also has a bespoke [training facility](#) which has been used widely within the civil service to introduce officials to fact checking and improve critical thinking skills. We would welcome the opportunity to share these resources with you and your team as you begin to explore how counter-misinformation skills can be integrated into the national curriculum. Our shared goal is more timely than ever.

I wish you success in your new role and would be very pleased to meet with you or your officials at your earliest convenience, to discuss these matters in more detail.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "A. Moores". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small horizontal line at the end.

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