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Dear Carolyn,

Thank you for your letter dated 16 October 2024 requesting details on the timetable for reviewing the Healthy Eating in Schools Regulations, and for information on local authorities in Wales that are already offering meat-free days.

On 17 September, during my Oral Statement on Universal Primary Free School Meals, I set out the timetable to review of the Healthy Eating in Schools Regulations. The transcript of my statement can be found here: [Plenary 17/09/2024 - Welsh Parliament](#). In summary, I explained a public consultation is being developed for spring 2025 with the ambition the revised Regulations will be made and laid before the Senedd in January 2026.

Separately, local authorities and schools have discretion to design their own menus and are encouraged to work closely with partners, parents and learners to ensure they are appealing and inclusive as well as compliant with the healthy eating regulations. School menus are available on local authority websites, and can be used to identify meat free days. If it's helpful as an example, Cardiff Council have a meat free Monday - their primary school menu can be found here: [Primary School Menu](#).

Yours sincerely

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