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Dear David,

Thank you for your response to my letter of 28 August. I provide below an update on how the pilot project in Pembrokeshire is progressing.

The pilot commenced in September and will run until December, at which point we will be able to provide more meaningful feedback on the outcomes. Seven schools have made the switch from plastic bottles to glass bottles and in some cases, using pergals to dispense milk. All seven participating schools have stopped using plastic straws for at least the duration of the pilot.

Upon completion of the pilot, my officials will undertake an evaluation of the effectiveness of the pilot, including the potential for wider implementation.

The evaluation will be supported by expertise from the Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP) Cymru and their delivery partners. It will include an assessment of impact of the eradication of plastic straws within the sample area, including the impact on the environment, costs and suppliers. This will be key in building our understanding of the implications of any potential ban and will provide an important contribution to the evidence base in this policy area.

I would like to say once again to how encouraged I am by the children of Ysgol y Wern for their active interest in this area.

Best wishes,

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