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Dear Councillor Carter

Further to the question that you were going to ask at the full council meeting where unfortunately I was unable to attend. Please find below a written response.

"In February's council meeting the Cabinet Member assured me that providing free sanitary products in secondary schools was the norm in Rotherham. Does he agree with me and Rotherham's MP that more needs to be done to make free sanitary products more accessible in schools in Rotherham?"

Following on from conversations that have happened outside of the Council meeting, I can confirm that the following has been done;

- Colleagues from other authorities who have undertaken work to ensure accessibility of sanitary products have been contacted to discuss the initiatives they have taken along with how sustainable the projects are
- The charity Reb Box Project has been contacted to see what support is available to aid with making products more accessible.

I will continue to liaise with you and update you on responses when I receive them.

Yours sincerely

**Councillor Gordon Watson** 

Deputy Leader, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

Cabinet Member for Children and Young Peoples Services and Neighbourhoods