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Dear Fergus,

Thank you for your email dated 14 December 2021 regarding funding request for a Touch typing pilot scheme.

As you will be aware it is a matter for schools and local authorities to exercise their professional judgement and skills in designing the most appropriate and relevant learning opportunities for their learners and educational resources to support young people's learning.

In March 2017 a [refresh](#) to the technologies curriculum guidance, with a particular focus on digital literacy, was published alongside the publication of benchmarks in the technologies and all other areas of the curriculum. The refresh to the technologies guidance and development of the benchmarks was a collaborative process involving teachers, academics and business and industry partners who were consulted and in some cases part of the writing groups. The technologies outcomes do require learners to experience a range of digital technology and, how to use this technology to create and explore ideas and solve problems which involves young people learning how to use keyboards and shortcuts.

In relation to your request for funding, unfortunately, the Scottish Government is unable to provide financial support for the programme.

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Best wishes.



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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shirley-Anne".

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