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Dear Andrew

I am writing in response to WQ89502: Did the First Minister instruct the auto deletion of WhatsApp messages to be stopped, following the announcement that there would be a public COVID inquiry?

I did not issue instructions on the deletion of WhatsApp messages at any point.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Drakeford". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**MARK DRAKEFORD**