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From the Direct Communications Unit

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The Pupils  
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Dear Pupils

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your correspondence about the important matter of climate change.

It is really encouraging to see young people like yourself thinking hard about the future of our planet, the impact of climate change and the actions the UK Government is taking to tackle it. I agree climate change is an important issue. That is why the Government is determined to confront it and leave our natural environment in a better condition than we found it.

In November 2021, the UK hosted the crucial COP26 Climate Summit in Glasgow. It was at this Summit where the historic Glasgow Climate Pact was agreed by almost 200 countries. At the recent climate change conference COP27, which took place in Egypt last November, the Government wanted to build on the commitments made at COP26 last year. This included keeping global warming to a minimum and protecting the most vulnerable communities and species around our world from the worst impacts of climate change.

The Government welcome the progress made at COP27, but recognises that there is more work to do. The UK will continue to work tirelessly with countries and parties around the world to ensure momentum on climate action is not lost. At home our net zero target means that from 2050, the UK will stop contributing to climate change. I am also pleased to tell you that between 1990 and 2021 we have reduced our emissions by 48%.

Many people from all over the UK are already doing their bit on climate change, from the engineers working on the offshore wind farms now helping to power our homes and businesses, to local initiatives encouraging children and parents to walk to school. Thank you for doing your bit and raising awareness of climate change.

Thank you, once again, for writing to the Prime Minister on this important issue.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Fine', written in a cursive style.

Correspondence Officer