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From the Direct Communications Unit

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Dear pupils

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your letters in which you raise the important matter of climate change.

It is really encouraging to see young people like yourselves 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 with you that climate change is an important issue. That is why we are determined to tackle it and leave our natural environment in a better condition than we found it. I am pleased to tell you that between 1990 and 2017 we have reduced our emissions by over 40%.

We know we need to go further and that is why, on Friday 4 December 2020, the Prime Minister set a target to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by at least 68% of 1990 levels by 2030.

This target is tough, but achievable and is the most ambitious of any major economy. It also accelerates our track to net zero by 2050. A net zero target means that we want to be removing as much greenhouse gas from the atmosphere as we put into it, for example through tree planting.

Our net zero target means that from 2050, the UK will stop contributing to climate change. Our plan, called the Clean Growth Strategy, shows how we are going to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions from our factories, cars, aeroplanes and many other

areas in our society. You can find out more about this at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/clean-growth-strategy>

This November, the UK will host the UN climate change conference COP26, in Glasgow with our partners, Italy. This will provide an opportunity for the world to come together and commit to urgent action. As hosts of COP26, the UK will lead by example during this unprecedented time.

We must continue to embrace the opportunities offered by technology if we are to accelerate the transition to a greener future. Innovations in energy storage technologies; a smart, flexible and efficient electricity system; zero-emission vehicles and eco-friendly buildings are some of the technologies on our side.

The Government cannot beat climate change on its own: we need support and action from all parts of society. That's why, in the run up to COP26, we'll be working closely with businesses, civil society groups, schools and people across the UK as part of our conversation on tackling climate change. 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 powering our homes and businesses, to local initiatives encouraging children and parents to walk to school. We want to celebrate them and inspire more to join them.

You might be interested in reading through this guide on some steps that we can all take. I would encourage you to share it with your friends and family too: <https://together-for-our-planet.ukcop26.org/>

Thank you, once again, for writing to the Prime Minister.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frances", written in a cursive style.

Correspondence Officer