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From the Direct Communications Unit

24 April 2023

Mrs J Waudby
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Dear Mrs Waudby

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your letter of 27 March 2023, in which you enclosed a letter from your Year 6 pupils.

Please find enclosed a reply for your pupils, sent with our very best wishes.

Yours sincerely

Correspondence Officer



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The Year 6 Pupils
Forest View Primary School
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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 deforestation.

Forests are critical for a healthy planet and only by changing the way we use and care for our landscapes, waterways and wild places can we meet the challenge of climate change and hold rising temperatures to 1.5 degrees.

Over the past decade, the Department for Food, Environment and Rural Affairs has invested £62.32 million to improve farming methods in Brazil, the world's most forested region, to better protect the Amazon. This will help save 8550 hectares of rainforest from destruction, the equivalent of approximately 21,118 football pitches.

Last Autumn, the UK began its year-long presidency of COP26, the UN's climate change summit, and hosted a series of events in Glasgow with nature as a main theme. The UK brought together world governments, international businesses and civil society to improve the way we care for our forests and landscapes. There, 141 countries, representing 90% of the world's forests, committed to halt and reverse forest loss and land degradation by 2030.

During the UK's presidency, and with the fantastic work of our friends and allies across the world, COP26 raised £14 billion to tackle deforestation and targeted £1.1 billion to protect the forests of the Congo Basin, the second-largest tropical rainforest in the world.

The UK also banned large businesses in this country from selling products created from illegal deforestation and spent £3 billion towards protecting and restoring world woodlands by planting more trees, managing mangroves and rebuilding failing ecosystems.

The engagement and enthusiasm of young people, like yourself, who care about preventing deforestation, provides excellent support to the UK Government in its mission to protect our vital, natural world.

Thank you, once again, for writing. I can assure you the Government shares your concerns about the planet's forests and will act to protect them always.

Yours sincerely



Correspondence Officer