

Tuesday, 7th May 2019

Dear Members of Parliament,

We are writing to you on behalf of the children of the UK to express our concerns about how the world is changing due to climate change and environmental destruction. We would like to propose a deal with you so that together we can take action for the future of the Earth to ensure it remains full of all the natural wonders we are losing so rapidly today. We believe if we work in partnership, we will be able to prevent these threats from ruining this unique planet.

We appreciate that you are trying to address the problem, but we feel you need to do much more. Our future depends on it. What we do in the next few years will affect the lives of the next generations. It is thought in four years the Arctic ice will have melted completely. If we stand around and do nothing, this ice melt will flood the northern hemisphere and kill hundreds of different species of animals and plants, and potentially millions of people. This will have a massive impact on the world.

So, what can we do to prevent this disaster? This is the question we keep asking and we need to find the answers. Here are ours!

Firstly, we need to do much more to reduce our carbon emissions and we think children could be a big part of the solution. In our school, we have monitored our energy for over 10 years. We set the targets for our energy use each week and we reward success when the school keeps below the target. We have reduced our energy consumption significantly and we think all children should manage their energy in schools. If other organisations can do the same, then anything is possible. We would call this project Energy Countdown!

Secondly, we would like you to help farmers and food growers to work more in harmony with nature and we want you to provide money to support them to do it. We grow lots of food at our school and it is all organic. We would like more organic food to be grown in the UK and we think more should be done to promote local, seasonal food. Too much food has too many food miles. We need to invest in more sustainable food and farming methods.

We think plastic packaging has had its day. We know it is cheap, but it doesn't biodegrade. We want all packaging to be completely biodegradable or recyclable and we want you to set higher standards to achieve this. In nature waste is used as food or fuel to start the cycle again. We think our waste should be used in the same way.

And we want you to do more to protect biodiversity and to encourage us to plant and grow and bring wildlife back. We have planted wildflower meadows, fruit orchards and native trees in our school and we can see that it works. The more we can do to help nature to flourish, the better.

Finally, we think education needs to change. We need to put sustainability at the heart of learning and link subjects together around projects or enquiries. This is what we do at school and we think it is the best way to learn. Through this approach, children not only understand issues such as climate change but are given opportunities to take action to address them.

So, Members of Parliament, the challenge is clear.

Our future and the future of our children is looking bleak.

The time to act is now. We want YOU to act and WE want to take action, too.

We hope you will listen to our message and we look forward to working with you to make it happen.

The future of all life depends on it.

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