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Dear Constituent,

Thank you for contacting me about the G7, of which the UK is President and host this year.

I share your concern for the situation of children around the world. They have certainly not been spared by the short term disruption wrought by the pandemic, and will long have to live with its consequences. It is vital that their voices are heard, and needs accounted for.

Ministers have been clear that they intend to use the UK's G7 Presidency to encourage the international community to eliminate persisting barriers to education and get all children back to school, especially girls. Indeed, girls' education is one of the UK's key aid priorities, on which £400 million will be spent in twenty-five developing countries in 2021 alone. This will build on our past work on this issue, which, from 2015 and 2020, supported over fifteen million children to gain a decent education, of which just over eight million were girls.

I welcome the commitments agreed by the G7 Foreign and Development ministers at the conclusion of their meeting in London this week on this issue, set out in their *Declaration on Girls' Education: Recovering from Covid-19 and unlocking Agenda 2030*.

Going forward, the Youth 7 (Y7) engagement group, chaired by the Future Leaders Network, will lead on embedding the needs of children and future generations in all national and international recovery plans. I will be following all relevant developments closely.

Finally, the UK has placed itself at the forefront of the global response to Covid-19 through generous commitments to COVAX, GAVI and WHO, and will be spending more than more £1.3 billion on global health projects in 2021.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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