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From the Head of The Prime Minister's Support Teams

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Dear Mr Hill

Thank you for your email of 19 October to Prime Minister.

It is wonderful to read that the children are taking such a keen interest in the marine environment and that they created the Children's Clean Ocean Declaration. The UK is a global leader in protecting seas, oceans and marine life from the scourge of plastic pollution, and the Government is determined to leave the environment in a better state than we found it for future generations.

Unfortunately, due to pressures on her diary, the Prime Minister is unable to meet you and your students to discuss these important issues. However, Neil Hornby, the Director of Marine and Fisheries for the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, would be happy to meet them. Please contact [Neil.Hornby@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Neil.Hornby@defra.gsi.gov.uk) to make arrangements.

Thank you again for your email and the hard work of the children to help tackle pollution of our ocean.

Yours Sincerely

**Helen Lederer**

Mr Peder Hill