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*Dear Students of Sutton Courtenay Primary School,*

I am writing to thank you for your letters about climate change and how this might affect the future of our planet.

I completely agree that climate change is one of the most important issues facing our planet today. Young people, like yourself, play a key role in taking action to protect our climate, and it is fantastic to see the passion for this subject that you have demonstrated in your letters. I enjoyed reading them immensely.

In November, the UK hosted the crucial United Nations climate change conference, COP26. This event brought together 120 world leaders and over 38,000 key figures from governments, charities, businesses, and youth groups to tackle the urgent challenge of climate change.

The conference led to the agreement of the Glasgow Climate Pact. The Pact will support countries across the world to keep alive the possibility of limiting the rise in global temperature to 1.5C, help the world to adapt to the effects of climate change so that communities and natural habitats are better protected, and reduce fossil fuel emissions.

The Glasgow Climate Pact is an historic agreement, whereby over 90% of the world's economy has now made a commitment to achieving net zero emissions - a balance between the amount of greenhouse gases they produce and the amount they take out of the atmosphere. The Pact means that our target of limiting the rise in global temperature to 1.5C remains in sight. However, as you set out in your letter, it is crucial that countries across the world take immediate action to achieve this. The Pact will speed up the pace of actions taken across the globe this decade to achieve the goals set out above.

Thank you again for taking the time to write to me. Writing letters is a great way to make your voices heard and I encourage you to continue to do so.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Alok Sharma', written in a cursive style.

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