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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Children

Thank you for contacting me about the 'Send My Friend to School' campaign. Your correspondence has been passed to me by your MP, Ms Judith Cummins.

It is good of you to write to share your concern with cutouts for those children across the world who currently do not have access to an education.

I agree that no child should miss out on an education, even in times of conflict and other emergencies. Education can give children like you the opportunity to have some routine in your life at what might be a testing time. It can also encourage young people to think about the future of their community and to look toward peace for their country.

The UK Government's education programmes supported 11 million children to access schooling between 2012 and 2015 and we aim to support a further 11 million girls and boys to obtain an education by 2020. We have demonstrated particular leadership regarding access to education for Syrian children as a result of the 'No Lost Generation' initiative, which has allowed over 251,000 children to receive an education in Syria and the wider region.

In February, we also organised an international conference on Syria where countries from all over the world pledged that every refugee and vulnerable child in those host countries bordering Syria should receive a quality education by the end of the 2016/17 academic year.