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Dear Emma,

Thank you for your email of 17 August, about the Kent Primary Schools Children's Council. I am replying as the Children's Minister.

I was delighted to read that you are again holding this event for Kent Primary School pupils. Giving young people an opportunity to influence decision making and contribute to leading change, both locally and nationally, helps to encourage a more positive relationship with their communities. It also ensures national policies and local services are best configured to meet the needs of young people in a flexible and responsive way.

I have attached a letter for your young attendees congratulating them on their participation and would be most grateful if you would pass this on to them.

Thank you for taking the time to write to me. I wish you all the best for the event in October.

With best wishes,  
  
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To: Participants of the Kent Primary Schools Children's Council Meeting  
(KPSCC)

*Dear pupils,*

I am delighted to hear that you have taken part in the bi-annual Kent Primary Schools Children's Council meetings at Maidstone's County Hall.

As the Minister responsible for youth policy, I would like to congratulate you for taking the time to be involved in discussions on issues that are important to children and young people. A key principle of the Government's thinking is that young people like you should have a voice in decisions which affect you so I am grateful to you all for participating.

Discussing topics such as whether being happy affects how well you are doing at school is extremely important, and something the Government is very interested in. These sorts of discussions will help improve services for all children and will help you develop as a confident and responsible citizen.

I applaud your commitment and think you should all be proud of your achievement.

I hope that you will all take part in future meetings and wish you all the best with your ongoing studies.

*With best wishes,  
L. Loughton*

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