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Dear Matt,

I would like to thank you and your team for hosting an insightful visit at St Luke's Primary School. It was excellent to come to Canning Town and speak to leaders, teachers and pupils about what they are doing to support sustainability and implement social justice projects.

The tour provided by the Eco Committee was excellent and it was great to hear about their interest in recycling, composting and reducing their school's carbon footprint. I wanted to point you to the [National Education Nature Park programme and climate action award scheme](#) which will offer teachers some guidance and resources for teaching climate education and a means to formally recognise the climate initiatives of young people. The Justice Committee were confident, thoughtful and creative when telling me about the work they are doing to make a difference in their school and community. It was clear both of these groups of pupils are essential to holding the school, teachers and pupils account for their actions.

We also spoke about the difficult financial decisions you and your senior management team are making. You will be aware the Chancellor announced a further £2 billion for schools, both next year and the year after, in the Autumn Statement. As we catch up on lost learning after the pandemic, this new money will help you to continue to invest in the areas that we know positively impact educational attainment. This includes investment in targeted support to the children who need it most, including the young carers I spoke to. For more information on what this means in practice, please see our [Education Hub article](#).

Thank you for the support you and your teaching staff provide to empower pupils to strive for the best and follow their ambitions.

Best wishes,

**SUSAN ACLAND-HOOD  
PERMANENT SECRETARY**