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Dear Harriet Harman,

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It is important that I introduce myself. My name is Bianca- an outstanding and loyal member of year 6 at St Mary Magdalene school. I have decided to write to you personally about a growing concern.

I have written to you today to alert you about plastic pollution. Plastic is an everyday use, causing a massive wastage. Each year, the average amount of plastic wastage per person is 76kg, meaning that there is 5,017,520,000kg of plastic wasted a year! This is causing a huge problem in our world. Because of this, we are causing dilemmas such as: killing animals, polluting our oceans and creating landfills full of this non-degradable material.

Many children are coming to school laden with plastic packaging for their lunches and it is contributing to the plastic pollution. So, we have thought of some ideas that all schools in Southwark could follow:

- **School ban on disposable plastic-** Schools in Southwark could ban children and teachers from using single-use plastics.
- **Reuse plastic-** Our schools could create a sculpture out of all the plastic that children have used at home and could put it up near a place where everyone could see
- **Use alternatives for plastic-** We normally package our food and fruit provided from school in plastic wrappers. Instead, we could wrap them in paper bags and we could also use paper straws as a substitute for plastic straws.

In our class, we have made some leaflets that inform children and adults around Southwark how serious plastic pollution is. Would you please allow us to distribute these?

We would love you to help us and as our local MP, we are sure that you will promote our campaign.

Thank you for listening and I am patiently anticipating for your response.

Kind regards

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