



Dear Maria Miller,

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I know that there was a bill due to be read in Parliament recently concerning the issue of household food insecurity. On this subject, I am writing to you to express my anger and frustration that there are families in the UK, maybe living in the same street as you, suffering from this problem. How would you feel if you woke up and didn't have enough food for breakfast or enough money to buy dinner? Regrettably, there are children who are becoming sick because they cannot eat three times a day. My classmates and I believe that it is crucial that we do something about it!

My class and I have been looking at an article from The New York Times that addresses this issue very well. In this article, about a single dad (Mr McCullough), it states that he 'cried as he described how he struggled to provide his six-year-old son with some of the basic things in life'. Although this did not happen in Basingstoke, it happened only two hundred and fifty miles away in Morecambe.

This is a crucial matter - possibly one of life or death for some people. Do you think you could raise this local issue and campaign so that everyone can have a healthy diet and three square meals a day?

At my school, which is a C of E school and which you kindly visited recently, we have been looking at the qualities Jesus had that made him a symbol of compassion; this links beautifully to our school values. We are just a group of schoolchildren but we want to make a difference. We want to help you succeed in trying to make sure that no-one is suffering from food insecurity or feels that they have to hide it.

We are willing to organise collections for the foodbank; already, our school has donated about four-hundred cans of food to the Basingstoke Foodbank to help those in need. We could also raise money or awareness in our local community by creating a leaflet and delivering it to people's houses.

To conclude, please help us to raise awareness about this urgent matter in Parliament and in the wider community so that everyone has a secure food supply whenever they need it. Thank you for your generous support.

Yours sincerely,

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