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Dear Mrs Bloomfield,

TGPA Yew Tree is seen as one of the best schools in Solihull. The school has exciting lessons, the staff are really nice, and it has brilliant pupils. However, in some countries children are being forced to work and do not get an education. Equipment we may be using is being made by children.

70% of footballs are handstitched in Pakistan. The workers work 11 hours a day and get paid a very low wage. 152million children are involved in child labour and do not get paid enough. This means that they cannot help their families who are in need. Children could get treated very badly or injured.

We should know where our sports equipment is being made and we should buy fairtrade equipment to know who is making it. We should check the equipment and only buy fairtrade.

We have been reading a book called 'Kick' by Mitch Johnson. It is about a boy called Budi who dreams of playing for a national team one day but his dreams are being prevented because of child labour. He stitches football kits in a factory in Jakarta. Children across the world would be dreaming of going to a school like yours and getting a good education.

Even though Budi is a made up character children are suffering like him. Children dream of having an education and though Budi is a fictional character his story is inspirational to other people who are stuck working in child labour.

Imagine the children who you have taught. Do you want other children like these to live a bad childhood? Imagine if these were children you knew. Children dream of going to school and getting an education. They just dream they could be children and didn't have to work and wish that they could be free from child labour.

People should start buying fairtrade which means that children and adults are being paid fairly. Our goals are to stop child labour by not supporting the companies that employ children. We should only buy from fairtrade companies for example Bala Sport a company in Scotland.

Imagine a world without child labour. We can do this with your support.

Yours sincerely,  
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