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Dear Mrs Maclean,

Our trust schools are among some of the best schools in the nation and that's because of your help, our PE lessons are enjoyable. However, it is often the small hands of young children, in places such as, Jakarta, Burundi and Brazil, that are completing the steps to produce the sports equipment that we use, and sadly 152 million children are still involved in child labour, even after thousands of protests.

Unfortunately, these children are only earning a mere 75 pence allowing a cycle of poverty to prosper. They usually work 11 hours per day and are still living off their pay.

But there is a solution to prevent this from occurring, we should buy fairtrade equipment and products that have a 'Child Labour Free Zone' label and, we must make sure that no child has been involved in the process.

The reason to why I am writing to you is because we have been reading a book called 'Kick' by Mitch Johnson it is a story about a boy called Budi, whose suffering in child labour as he dreams of becoming a world-renowned footballer.

Some people believe that if the children are working, they can keep fit, although the opposite is true, children are being forced into hazardous and abhorrent labour.

Can you imagine 1 in 10 children being forced to work? What if you knew these children? 70% of handstitched footballs come from Pakistan.

These innocent children hope for an education at schools like ours, they desire for freedom, they desire for a childhood. Fairtrade equals better wages a better working condition.

Our goal as Trust schools, is to ensure that the equipment we use is bought from fairtrade companies, such as Bala Sports and many others.

Yours Sincerely,

Lina