



**You are going to write a letter to the Secretary of State for Education - the boss of England's schools - to ask them for you to be able to learn about climate change and spend more time in nature while you're in primary school!**

You can see how your letter should look by checking out this picture (below).

1. First, you need to write your name and the address of your school at the **top right** of the page.

2. Below this and on the left side of the page, you should write the Secretary of State's address, which is:

Secretary of State for Education  
Department for Education  
Piccadilly Gate  
Store Street  
Manchester  
M1 2WD

3. Below this, add in the date on which you are writing the letter.

4. You can then start your letter by writing

'Dear Secretary of State'

Your name  
Your school name here  
Your school address here

Secretary of State for Education  
Address  
Address

Today's date

Dear Secretary of State,

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Yours sincerely

Your name

***You can find some suggestions to help you write your letter on the next page.***

**You could continue your letter by writing something like this:**

*"I am from [your school's name] and I am [your age] years old. I am asking you, as the Secretary of State for Education, to make sure that climate change is added to lessons so that children learn about it at primary school. Teach The Future recently found out that 9 in 10 students from Year 5 upwards think it's important that we learn about climate change. Many of us also want to learn how we can stop it."*

**Here are some questions for you to think about. If you answer each of these questions, you'll have written your letter!**

1. When you think about climate change, how does it make you feel? (e.g. scared/ confused/ not sure/ not at all scared, like I want to do something to help)
2. Can you explain why?
3. What do you already know about climate change - what does it mean to you?
4. How do you think climate change will have an impact on your future?
5. What would you like to learn in school about climate change? Why is this important to you?
6. How does being in nature make you feel - would you like to spend more time out in nature at school?
7. You could finish by drawing a picture of the future you'd like to live in.

**You could end by thanking the Secretary of State for reading your letter, then saying,**

"My friends and I are ready to learn and ready to help."

Then on a new line, write

"Yours sincerely"

And under this, write your name.

By writing this letter, you will have used your voice to ask for change from someone who has the power to make that change. If you don't want your letter to be sent to the Department for Education, please let your teacher know.

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