

[Your address (include as MPs only have to respond to people in their constituency)]

## EMBARGOED UNTIL THURSDAY 2nd JULY

Dear [MP Name],

Children and young people are at the forefront of the challenges created by COVID-19. Our/ their futures are uncertain - existing inequalities are being exacerbated and exposed, education disrupted and employment prospects diminished.

[Raise specific issues happening currently in your constituency]

Young people have questions about how the UK government plans to address these challenges - and we/they deserve to have them answered. Nearly two months ago, over 90 leading organisations and 150 youth representatives across the youth, education, health, funding and civil society sectors shared an open letter [calling on](#) the Prime Minister to engage young people.

It's time our Prime Minister listened to young people's voices, answered the questions they have about the future of our country, and recognised their potential in taking action to support the Covid-19 recovery.

I am/ we are therefore asking you to urge the Prime Minister to hold a press conference with young people, following the example set by leaders across Scotland, Wales and the rest of the world who have faced the questions of young people head on.

### We ask that you:

- Write to the Prime Minister directly outlining the importance of engaging young people
- Publicly show support and consider tweeting the Prime Minister using the hashtag [#PowerOfYouth](#)
- Support the national conversation with young people by pledging to host your own digital Question Time with young people in your constituency - using this [guide](#). Conversations have already been started by Leader of the Opposition, Sir Keir Starmer, and Mayor of Manchester, Andy Burnham.

In order to build a post-pandemic future which works for everyone, we cannot afford to ignore the voices of our young citizens. Leaders must work together with young people to address the issues we face together.

I hope that you will commit to championing young people as active citizens, and look forward to your response.

Your sincerely

[Your name], [Age], [Role if youth representative]

or

[Your name], [Your role], [Organisation]