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*David,*

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Thank you for your letter of 22 August, about citizenship in the new national curriculum.

I agree that citizenship education should provide young people with the knowledge, skills and understanding they need to play a full and active part in society. The programme of study for citizenship includes developing pupils' understanding of how the United Kingdom is governed, as well as of other forms and systems of government. I am grateful for your thoughts on making explicit reference to the United Nations within the programme of study. As you are aware we have recently closed our consultation on the new programmes of study for the national curriculum. I have passed your suggestions on to my officials for further consideration. The final programmes of study will be published in the autumn, once we have considered responses to the consultation and made any final decisions.

Thank you for writing to me on this important matter.

*Yours,*

*Mich*

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