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THE PRIME MINISTER

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*Dear Priti,*

Thank you for your letter of 18 March, about the Get Witham Reading initiative.

I would firstly like to congratulate you on the success of your Get Witham Reading initiative. I am pleased that through this programme, children will have the chance to participate in exciting and inspiring reading activities. I was very interested to read that there has been an improvement in literacy in schools in Witham. As you know, I am committed to raising standards of literacy so that all children have a solid base upon which to build as they progress through school.

I am sure the activities this year will inspire children to develop a love of reading, as well as helping to improve their literacy skills, and I would like to give my support to the schools taking part.

Unfortunately, due to my limited availability, I will be unable to attend the event on 26 April but I hope it will be a great success. Thank you for writing on this important matter and I wish you continued success with the Get Witham Reading initiative.

*Yours,  
David*

Ms Priti Patel MP