Dear

I am writing to urge you to support Amendment 202 of the Children’s Wellbeing and Schools Bill. The amendment addresses the risks to student health, public health, and the environment from synthetic school uniforms.

The amendment is important because:

— **it bans PFAS now**. We cannot wait to protect children from these ‘forever chemicals’ that [studies](https://www.epa.gov/pfas/our-current-understanding-human-health-and-environmental-risks-pfas) have shown can decrease fertility, cause developmental delays, increase risk of cancer and obesity, disrupt hormones, and reduce immune system capacity;

— **it requires a digital passport listing the chemicals in our children’s uniforms**.

With thousands of chemicals being used in the garment industry without studies proving their safety, we need this transparency to make informed choices to protect our children’s health;

— **it empowers the Secretary of State for Education to protect children from the health and environmental risks of microplastic fibres** that their polyester uniforms release. Year 7 students from just one school will release at least [6.4 billion](https://noplasticuniforms.wixsite.com/no-plastic-uniforms/microplastics) microplastic fibres every year when they wash and wear just three items of their uniforms. School children are breathing in these microplastics and eating and drinking them through the circuitous route they take from the washing machine to our food and water. Studies have found microplastics are in our [bodies](https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/jul/03/forever-chemicals-in-school-uniforms-could-be-banned-under-proposed-law?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other), and that they increase the risk of [inflammatory bowel disease](https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC10536389/), [heart attack, stroke and death](https://www.newscientist.com/article/2420674-microplastics-linked-to-a-greater-risk-of-heart-attack-and-stroke/#:~:text=People%20with%20artery%20plaques%20containing%20microplastics%20are%20more%20likely%20to,less%20than%205%20millimetres%20long.). Microplastics are also causing serious damage to the environment: harming [fish](https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0043135424013927) and [animals](https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2405665024000702), including ones we eat, and hindering [photosynthesis](https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2025/mar/10/microplastics-hinder-plant-photosynthesis-study-finds-threatening-millions-with-starvation?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other) which is causing crop failures.

— **it also empowers the Secretary of State for Education to protect children from climate change.** Three uniform items for year 7 students at one school release over [1276kg of CO2](https://noplasticuniforms.wixsite.com/no-plastic-uniforms/carbon), melting 3m2 of Arctic ice. The point of education is to make our children’s future better, but forcing them to wear polyester school uniforms is making it worse: it is contributing to hotter temperatures, more flooding, and more frequent and severe storms, all of which will make their lives more insecure, stressful and expensive. Young people are [anxious](https://www.bbc.com/news/world-58549373) about climate change, it is wrong to make them complicit in making it worse.

France has just passed bold new legislation to require all garments to display an eco-score card, listing each item’s carbon footprint, resource use, recyclability and importantly, chemicals and microplastic fibre release. Parents in the UK deserve the same information.

Limiting the number of branded uniform items is important to lower costs for families. However, parents care about protecting their children’s health and wellbeing at least as much.

I would greatly appreciate if you would contact Secretary Phillipson and urge her to support and strengthen Amendment 202.

Sincerely,