

19 January 2018

Mr Nadhim Zahawi MP  
The Children's Minister  
House of Commons  
Palace of Westminster

Dear Children's Minister

**Subject - Questions from the children of the Societas Trust in Stoke on Trent**

The Societas Trust comprises five above average size primary schools in North Staffordshire, four of them being in Stoke on Trent. Our Trust Student Council, the Really Useful Generation Student Group (RUGS), have collected some questions from children in each of their academies, which they would be grateful if you could answer for them please.

**Questions from the Children of Ash Green Primary Academy:**

1. Who decides what's on the curriculum? (Jessica Heald Year 6)
2. Would you be happy for your child to go through our education system? (Jack Wright Year 6)
3. Are you going to make any changes to education? (Francesca Winmill-Spall Year 6)
4. Who decided to move some Y3 objectives to Y2, Y4 to Y3 and so on? (Charlotte Astbury Year 6)
5. Why did you choose to become a Minister? (Grace Challinor Year 6)
6. Why is the School week so long and the weekend short? (Zack Till Year 6)
7. If you didn't have this job, what would you be doing? (Emilie Garrat Year 6)
8. How do you decide what is important in education? (Annaleise Carrier Year 6)
9. How do you make sure that every child has an amazing education? (Evie Cashmore Year 6)
10. How satisfied are you in your current job role? (Children in Year 5)
11. What is your long term plan to encourage healthy pupils and reduce obesity? (Children in Year 5)
12. Are there any plans to introduce a more varied gluten free menu within schools? (Children in Year 5)

**Questions from the Children of Ellison Primary Academy:**

1. What do you do for your job and when do you do it? (Kaidee Year 4/Emily Year 5)

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2. Is your job hard? (Kaidee Year 4/Emily Year 5)
3. Who do you look after as part of your job? (Ben Year 5)
4. What do you think is special about Stoke? (Joe Year 5)
5. Have you ever been to Stoke, and do you feel that Stoke is important? (Ben Year 5)
6. What do you do to look after the children in Stoke On Trent? (Ben Year 5)
7. Are you able to get us new play equipment? We need to have lots of fun and a lot of it is damaged. (Charlotte Year 4)

**Questions from the Children of Gladstone Primary Academy:**

1. If you could do any other job what would you do? (Azura Year 5)
2. What do you enjoy about your job? How does it make you feel? (Millie Year 5)
3. What have you learnt from your job? (Lexi Year 5)
4. Why can only some children have free school meals? (Marshall Year 4)
5. Are you putting enough money into education? (Jackson Year 4)
6. How could you give us different sports facilities? (Alfie Year 4)
7. Should children be able to vote? (Jessica Year 3)
8. How many children have you helped? (Dante Year 3)
9. How many children have you put into child care? (Jensen Year 3)
10. What decisions do you make for children? (Daisy Year 3)
11. What do you do as a children's minister? (Ellie-Mae Year 3)
12. How did you become a children's minister? (Isabelle Year 3)
13. How many children have you helped as a children's minister? (Jacob Year 4)
14. How does it feel when you know you are helping children? (Children in Year 6)
15. Do you wish you could do more for children? (Children in Year 6)
16. How do help children? (Children in Year 6)
17. What does the city do to offer jobs to homeless people? Could they do more? (Dominic Year 5)
18. What is done to support children who have had deaths in the family? (Jaysie Year 5)
19. Can more be done to help them? (Jaysie Year 5)
20. What will you do to give more help to children with disabilities? (Ella Year 5)

**Questions from the Children of Goldenhill Primary Academy:**

1. What do you do in your role as Children's Minister? (Children in Year 6)
2. Do you enjoy your job? (Children in Year 6)
3. How do you know what children get up to in their schools? (Children in Year 6)
4. Do you think children should have homework? (Children in Year 6)
5. How can you make schools better? (Children in Year 6)

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6. What would you do if you were not Children's Minister? (Children in Year 6)
7. Do you think all schools should have the same amount of money? (Children in Year 6)

**Questions from the Children of Summerbank Primary Academy:**

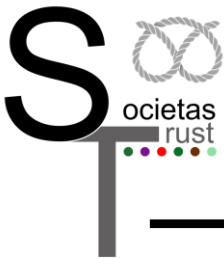
1. Why did you want to be the children's minister?
2. What is your favourite part of the job?
3. How did you get the role of children's minister?
4. What do you do in your role and how does it affect you?
5. What have you changed for children?
6. What is good about your job?
7. Can you organise more outdoor clubs for children in all areas?
8. Can you make school trips more fun?
9. What is it like to be children's minister?
10. What have you done that has changed children's learning and behaviour?
11. How do you plan on making education better for children in Stoke?
12. Why is it important to have a children's minister?

**The Children would also like you to do the following for children in Stoke on Trent please:**

1. Build new schools;
2. More festivals to raise money for charities;
3. Lower the price of school dinners;
4. More parks (with football pitches);
5. Reintroduce funding in the area so we can employ 'lollipop' men/ladies;
6. Install CCTV in parks to make it a safe place to go;
7. More funding for youth centres to be created in the local area;
8. A range of sporting activities be introduced for after school clubs;
9. Help us to stop bullying everywhere;
10. Help to keep us safe by stopping people hurting the environment and other people;
11. Help us to get better jobs by giving us more choices in high school and college;
12. Less hours in school;
13. Themed learning rooms around the city;
14. Wider pavements on main roads to make it safer for children;
15. More parks;
16. More choice of tuck and school dinners;
17. More bins in the city.

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The Children of Societas are eagerly awaiting your responses to all their questions - please kindly respond to me either in writing at the above address or by email to [ceo@societatrust.org.uk](mailto:ceo@societatrust.org.uk)

I have also attached a pamphlet telling you about the RUGS and the valuable contribution they are making to the learning experience of all the children in the Trust.

The RUGS would also like to meet you whenever you are next visiting North Staffordshire, so please let me know if and when this might be possible.

With my very best wishes,

Jon Lovatt

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