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The Rt Hon. Gavin Williamson CBE MP  
Secretary of State for Education  
Department for Education  
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Dear Gavin,

**RE: Black Curriculum**

Firstly, may I thank you and everyone at the Department for Education for everything being done to help during the coronavirus pandemic, particularly the work being done to ensure children can continue to receive an education and to support teachers.

I know that, like me and everyone in Carshalton and Wallington, you would have been equally horrified by the tragic death of George Floyd in the United States.

I am writing to you to express the anger and solidarity of the Carshalton and Wallington residents who have been in touch with me regarding George's death.

Many of those constituents who have contacted me have raised the importance of teaching our students about the contributions to our society and culture made by the BAME community, including their sacrifices in defence of liberty during the World Wars, as well as the legacy of Empire for all those impacted. Some have set out their experiences of being taught using materials that don't reflect a wider ethnicity or include positive example of BAME achievements in fields of science, mathematics, the arts, and so on.

I should be grateful if you could consider these points and provide me with a response that allows me to report back positively to my constituents.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Elliot Colburn', written over a horizontal line.

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