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Right Hon Boris Johnson MP
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10 Downing Street
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Dear Prime Minister,

I am writing on behalf of the Pothohar Association UK, established in 1970, a registered charity, whose members are predominantly from the Sikh faith.

You may be aware of a video going viral on social media of a Sikh school boy being attacked by his fellow students. I am sure we all find it incredibly upsetting and revolting. Tackling crime of such nature is only devastating but also has got long term consequences both for victims and their family. Britain has come long way from the days of tragic murder of Stephen Lawrence, it is more diverse and tolerant than ever before and majority of us accept rich colour of diversity.

I am thankful to local police who have started their investigation into this deplorable incident just outside the school campus. We all need to understand that regardless of the motives behind this incidence, violence of all kind is not acceptable against any person. The scars of racial attacks, hate crimes are not easy to heal sometime these remain for rest of our life.

I feel it is high time for the Government to review and update its "Challenge it, Report it, Stop it: The Government's Plan to Tackle Hate Crime". It needs to incorporate simple guidelines for schools.

I have a team of educational advisors and teachers of Sikh faith- I would like to collaborate with the government to educate all schools aged children on religion and culture of British Citizens. This would be in the form of short modules in the curriculum comprising of lessons, videos and hands on learning.

I believe the only way to prevent hate crimes is to educate students from a young age. The education system must be revised to include respect, tolerance and compassion. This will lead to a better society overall and I would like to work with you to begin making these changes.

We have been engaging with our community throughout this pandemic with the use of technology such as Zoom and have gained enormous experience to utilise these resources for the good of our community at large.

I look forward to communicating with you further on this important matter.

Yours faithfully,

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