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8th September, 2021

Mrs Lorna Jackson,
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Dear Mrs Jackson,

Recently I saw an article in *NewhamVoices*, Issue 8, August 2021, about the humanitarian initiative spearheaded by your school to alleviate the plight of people - especially children - in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, following the explosive eruptions of La Soufriere Volcano in April this year.

I was very touched by the compassion and support displayed by you, your Staff, pupils and their parents in undertaking such an initiative, in collaboration with St Luke's Primary, Ellen Wilkinson Primary, St James' Junior, and Dersingham Primary Schools.

On behalf of the school children and their parents/guardians who will benefit from all the supplies that that were shipped to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; on behalf of NEMO (National Emergency Management Organization), the teachers, headteachers, the Ministry of Education, and the Prime Minister, Dr. Honourable Ralph E. Gonsalves, in particular; on my own behalf and that of my Staff at the High Commission, I wish to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to everyone for their effort in making the initiative such a success.

Additionally, please convey special thanks to the Chair of the Board of Governors, Mr Graham Plant, and to Mr Charles Challenger, of Challenger Shipping, for their role in this humanitarian venture.

With the consent of all respective Headteachers, and Coronavirus pandemic permitting, I should like to visit all the Schools involved to thank each one personally.

In the meantime, I wish you, the other Headteachers, all the pupils, staff and parents, a happy and successful academic year and also protection from the Coronavirus and its variants.

With much appreciation,


Cenio E. Lewis
HIGH COMMISSIONER

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Mr Matt Hipperson - Headteacher,
St Luke's CEVA Primary School, Forest Gate

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