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**Thank you for taking part
in Understanding Society**

<Date>

<Salutation>

Thank you so much for your participation in Understanding Society. Earlier in the year we invited your child to complete a short survey. Since that last survey, children have been asked to return to school and so we would like to take this opportunity to invite **[Child_name]** to fill in a short questionnaire. There is a great deal of interest in the research and policy community about how young people are managing during the Coronavirus pandemic. Most recently Understanding Society has been used by the Children's Commissioner to explore how lockdown affected children's home lives.

We would be grateful if you could look through the blank questionnaire and, if you are happy to do so, give it to **[Child_name]**. When **[Child_name]** has completed the questionnaire, they can put it into the envelope enclosed and it can be posted back to us, free of charge.

As you know, one of the really important features of the survey is that everyone's answers are completely confidential. This helps us get responses from people that are completely truthful and accurate and makes the survey one of the best in the world. This applies to all the adults who take part but also all the children, so we ask all parents/guardians to allow their children to complete the questionnaire in private. We hope you understand why this is so important, but if you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us.

More generally, if you have any queries at all about Understanding Society and your involvement in it, please contact us using the number above. Do also check our special participants' website where you can read more about how the survey is used, send us a message or just find out more information about Understanding Society: www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/participants.

Yours sincerely,

Michaela Benzeval - Director, Understanding Society

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We have recently sent you a letter with a questionnaire and asked if you would be able to pass it on to <Child_name> to complete. At the moment we do not have a record of the questionnaire having been returned. If <Child_name> has completed the questionnaire and it has been posted back in the last few days - thank you and please ignore this letter.

If they haven't yet completed their questionnaire, we would be grateful if you could encourage <Child_name> to complete it and post it back to us in the enclosed pre-paid envelope. Just like the adults that take part in Understanding Society, children's experiences are unique and we can't replace them with anyone else. It is important for researchers to get information from children all over the country and from all types of backgrounds.

By taking part in the youth survey, <Child_name> will help many organisations carry out important research that will improve life in the UK for all. To find out more about who uses the study, please visit www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/participants

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