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*Dear Mr Mills*

I was very interested to read about your campaign to educate people about the use and meaning of the word 'gay'. I commend you for this tremendously important initiative.

As you are aware, the pejorative use of the word 'gay' can have a serious impact on the self-esteem of our young people and lead to more serious forms of bullying. Campaigns like yours will help to make people think more carefully about the language they use and the impact it can have on others.

I would also like to assure you that tackling bullying is a top priority for the Government, and we are supporting schools to take action against all forms of bullying, particularly when prejudice-based or homophobic. We do not want any young person to go to school dreading the treatment they will receive, and it is never acceptable for a child to be bullied, victimised or harmed in any way. That is why we have sent a strong message to schools that bullying should not be tolerated, and, if it does occur, schools should take immediate action to stop it and address any emotional distress caused.

Once again, I wish you every success with your important campaign.

*Yours sincerely*  
*Nicky*

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