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Dear Helen

I am writing to request a change of wording to petition number 20000 (Make British Sign Language part of the National Curriculum).

I wish to change this to reflect the importance of BSL to many people with a hearing impairment.

I would like to amend the first paragraph of the detailed response to:

"We recognise that for some children and young people with a hearing impairment, the use of BSL is a vital method of communication and is the first or preferred language of an estimated 70,000 deaf people in the UK."

I should be grateful for your assistance in this matter.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely
Nick

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