(Assume parent sending email)

Dear Head teacher of [School name],

As the parent/parents of a vegan child(ren) in your school, I/we (am/are) writing to ask [School name] to consider offering a more diverse and vegan-inclusive range of books for your students.

You may or may not know, veganism is a protected philosophy and way of living which seeks to exclude – as far as is possible and practicable – all forms of exploitation of, and cruelty to, animals for food, clothing or any other purpose. This means that schools and staff should ensure that they avoid discrimination against children on the grounds of their veganism and instead create positive, inclusive and supportive conditions for vegan learners. Equality for vegan learners extends to respecting their beliefs in terms of what they should be introduced to when it comes to children’s literature.

**Traditional literature**

Children’s books often tend to show non-human animals in captivity and promote animal exploitation, e.g. zoos, farms and fishing. However, there are many lovely children’s books available that promote kindness towards animals and our environment, which in turn promotes a positive message of compassion and peace.

**Inclusion**

(I/We) appreciate your work in cultivating an inclusive school environment; not only does an inclusive classroom allow all learners to be engaged in the learning process, but it reaffirms and supports the lifestyle of (my/our) child(ren) within your setting.

Additionally, it is important to have vegan-friendly books available in your school, not only to support your vegan learner(s) but also to provide balance and give all children the opportunity to learn more about their vegan peers.

**Resources**

Could (I/we) please suggest that you incorporate vegan literature and representation within your library and topics? The [Vivi the Supervegan](https://www.vivithesupervegan.co.uk/) series is a great option. There are currently three books in the Vivi series which have a vegan theme throughout, introducing children to various aspects of veganism in a child-friendly manner, e.g. animal welfare, environmental issues and plastic pollution in our oceans. Additionally, The Vegan Society offers free KS1 teaching and learning resources to use alongside them.

A concise guide for educators on how to provide a vegan-inclusive education can be found here.

I/We have not made this request lightly, as I/we know how hard you work and how far in advance you must plan your termly work and activities. For more information you can request free CPD training on vegan inclusion from The Vegan Society or visit The Vegan Society’s Education page.

Thank you for reading this letter. I/We would be more than happy to work in partnership with you on any issues raised because of my/our request.

Yours sincerely,

[Sender name]