Dear Cllr [leader of the Council’s surname]

We, [Friends of the Earth local group name/Climate Action group name], call on [local authority name] to support the climate youth strikes by not fining parents whose children participate.

On Friday 20th September 2019 young people will lead the largest global protest on climate change in history. Millions of people – young and old - are expected to take part in peaceful protests in over 100 cities and towns in the UK, and across the world. They will be demanding government take emergency action on climate breakdown and build a fairer and greener society.

In the past few months we have seen the damaging effects of climate change with deadly heatwaves, flooding and extreme weather events. Though we are all impacted by climate change, it's often the poorest people in society who have done the least to cause it who feel the sharpest impacts.

And the window of action to avert further climate chaos is closing.

If we act now and invest in climate solutions like renewables, public transport, insulation, and doubling of trees - we can secure green jobs, clean air, warm homes and thriving wildlife for all.

Huge change is possible. Just this year Britain did not use coal to generate electricity for two weeks - the longest period since the 1880s – this is something that would have been unthinkable a few decades ago.

As adults – many of us parents and grandparents ourselves - we support young people who are taking a stand for their precious futures. When young people are often unfairly labelled as lazy and uncaring about the wider world – we believe the youth climate strikers should be commended for their inspirational courage in raising awareness about the climate emergency.

We hope that you would support the youth strikers by publicly agreeing not to fine their parents for taking part in the strikes.

We look forward to hearing your answer soon.

Yours sincerely,

[Name] on behalf of [Friends of the Earth local group name/Climate Action group name]

[OPTIONAL: list of individual signatories, with parent/grandparent next to their names]

[Include a correspondence address from within the local authority as well as contact details such as a phone number/email]