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Hi [redacted] 5.1.2e

Fijn, dankje!  
 Dan hebben we morgen weer even contact,  
 Groetjes,  
 [redacted] 5.1.2e

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Hoi [redacted] 5.1.2e

Ja, zal ik toevoegen in de afspraak en morgen zal ik [redacted] 5.1.2e vragen mbt specifieke punten en voorbereiding.  
 Ik heb jou en [redacted] 5.1.2e de uitnodiging ook doorgestuurd zojuist.  
 Ik kom er morgen op terug, groet,

[redacted] 5.1.2e

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Hi [redacted] 5.1.2e

Zie graag onderstaand de punten die het VK a.s. vrijdag graag wil bespreken. Wil je deze info in de afspraak voegen?

Wil jij aan [redacted] 5.1.2e vragen of hij op punten nog specifieke voorbereiding wil?

[redacted] 5.1.2e zal aansluiten vrijdagochtend (ik kan zelf niet) maar ik zal wel de voorbereiding voor [redacted] 5.1.2e doen; in ieder geval een kort overzichtje van de huidige stand van zaken in het VK, en waar dus gewenst door [redacted] 5.1.2e evt. aangevuld met specifieke info op onderstaande onderwerpen. Als [redacted] 5.1.2e dus voorbereiding wenst zal ik dat even uitvragen bij de betreffende experts.

Dankjewel!  
 Groetjes,  
 [redacted] 5.1.2e

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Dear [redacted] 5.1.2e and [redacted] 5.1.2e –

I work within the Government Office for Science for [redacted] 5.1.2e heading up our small Covid-19 International Team. [redacted] 5.1.2e office passed me your email in advance of next Friday's call between [redacted] 5.1.2e

5.1.2e, 5.1.2e and 5.1.2e I believe 5.1.2e have already met with 5.1.2e and 5.1.2e but I've provided links to their biographies if needed.

As for the Agenda, and noting the meeting is scheduled for 40 minutes, having consulted the British Embassy in The Hague and colleagues in 5.1.2e may we suggest the following:

- **Impact of re-opening schools:** we understand that schools in the North of the Netherlands opened up two weeks ago. Any early impact or assessment on this issue would be of interest. [For info you may have seen this article published today on the
- **Winter planning:** I understand you are aware of the independent report prepared by the [UK's Academy of Medical Sciences in to winter pressures](#). We would welcome a chance to discuss.
- **Surveillance:** We understand the Netherlands have extended a waste water monitoring system across all sewage treatment plants in the Netherlands, as well as building an infection radar. The 5.1.2e and 5.1.2e would be interested in knowing about the NL's approach to surveillance/early warning systems.
- **Behavioural research** – we understand you ask the public re their adherence to advice/guidance. The UK Office for National Statistics undertakes a similar survey. It might be interesting to complete.
- **Test and Trace:** Understanding Dutch advice and strategy on this.

Also I'm aware 5.1.2e had previously asked about the evidence base for face coverings that the UK used. We shared this with our Embassy to pass to you but if you would like to add this please do let us know or any other topics you might like to explore.

I will be taking annual leave next week but my colleague 5.1.2e (copied) will be available should you have any questions or comments (although to note Monday is a public holiday here). I have also copied to 5.1.2e and 5.1.2e at the British Embassy in the Hague and 5.1.2e the UK Department of Health and Social Care.

Warmest regards;

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