



**WINDSOR CASTLE**

20th July, 2020

Dear Mr Bovill,

The Queen has asked me to thank you for your letter written in your position as Chair of the English Spelling Society.

Her Majesty has taken careful note of the views you express on behalf of the Society regarding the current English spelling system which you believe to be in urgent need of updating.

I must explain, however, that this is not a matter in which The Queen would become involved. As a constitutional Sovereign, Her Majesty acts on the advice of her Ministers and, therefore, it is to them that such an appeal should be addressed.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jennie Vine', with a long horizontal line extending to the left.

Miss Jennie Vine, MVO  
Deputy Correspondence Coordinator

Mr Alfred Bovill.