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Dear Sofina

I am writing to congratulate you, your governors, staff and pupils on the outcome of your Ofsted inspection in early February.

This is a great outcome to be judged good on two and outstanding on the other two Ofsted judgements. I know you were disappointed not to have a judgement of outstanding overall, given the huge progress the school has made under your leadership. I hope you and the team will not let your disappointment at this cloud your pride in what has been achieved in a relatively short period of time.

It was great to read the recognition of the achievements of your pupils and I know from my visits to the school how you have helped to raise their sights to what is possible for them and for their future.

The progress of your pupils is based on the improvements you have led in the quality of teaching and the relentless drive to ensure that all teaching is at least good. The report particularly notes the way you have improved the use of teaching assistants and how they are really assisting pupils to improve.

Pupils behaviour and safety was judged outstanding and I have seen for myself how good the behaviour is around the school and in particular how positive their attitudes are to learning so that their behaviours for learning are outstanding and this is so important for their time with you and when they move on to secondary school.

Finally the report judged leadership and management outstanding, which is recognition for the huge improvements you have made at the school. It is absolutely right to describe your determination to improve things for your pupils and this has been based on effective leadership and rigorous development of the staff team.



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