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Her Majesty's Chief Inspector

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Dear Mrs. Bentley,

I am writing following the publication of the inspection report for your last section 5 inspection. Although your school was judged to require improvement overall, I was pleased to see that your leadership and management were judged to be good.

It is clear from the report that you, and your team, have made significant improvements to the school since the last inspection. I am pleased to note that you have prioritised the teaching of phonics and that this is going well. It is heartening to read that older pupils love reading, are willing to challenge themselves to read harder books, and enjoy listening to the books their teachers read to them. Furthermore, it is reassuring that pupils behave well, work hard in their lessons, and are proud of the initiatives that they have introduced, including 'Toastie Tuesdays' and the Eco-Club.

I know that you and your team will be continuing your good work. I hope this will be reflected in your next inspection outcome, probably in two years' time or so.

In the meantime, I have asked Katrina Gueli HMI, Regional Director for the East Midlands, and her Senior HMI to be available if you wish to discuss your progress.

Yours sincerely

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