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Dear Maureen,

Following the publication of your OFSTED Report at the end of last term I am writing to congratulate you on the outcome of the inspection. For a school to be judged Good in the first year of a very new and more challenging OFSTED framework is an achievement. However, to achieve this result in the same academic year that you had the previous Ofsted Inspection which judged the school to have Serious Weaknesses shows the hard work and commitment that has been shown by you, your staff and your governors between October and July.

In particular it is pleasing that the good leadership of you and your team was recognised and that you have "tackled shortcomings in safeguarding arrangements fully" and that the school's work to keep pupils safe and secure is now good.

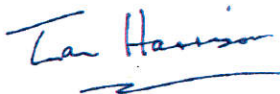
I recognise that the school had a very difficult year last year. I am so delighted that it ended so positively for you. You should personally take great credit for this judgement; it is truly an accolade for your drive, determination and commitment to get the very best for every child in your school.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for the support that you and other members of your staff have given, and continue to give, to colleagues in other schools, particularly in the area of safeguarding. You became a beacon of best practice last year and this benefitted the whole Barnet community.

As you know your school was a School Causing Concern to the Local Authority last year following your previous Ofsted inspection. I am pleased to inform you that your school is no longer a concern to the local authority and we are confident that you will go from strength to strength and that you will very soon have the required evidence to demonstrate that you are Outstanding.

Please pass on my congratulations to all your colleagues, your governors and of course to the children too.

Yours sincerely,



Ian Harrison
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