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Amanda Spielman
Her Majesty's Chief Inspector

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Dear Mrs. Ward

I am writing following your recent 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 really positive that, in the short space of time since you became the head of school, you have accelerated the pace of improvement. You know your school well and work successfully with your deputy headteacher and other leaders to put effective development plans in place. While recognising there is further work to do to ensure that pupils achieve consistently well, the initial impact of your work is evident in the school. Pupils, including disadvantaged pupils, now attend school more regularly, improving their achievement as a result. Pupils' personal development is enhanced by opportunities to develop their understanding of British values, such as respect and tolerance. Staff are improving their skills because of the useful training they receive. This is leading to more consistently effective teaching and accelerating pupils' progress.

I know that you and your team will be continuing your good work. I hope this will be reflected in your next inspection outcome.

In the meantime I have asked Christopher Russell HMI, Regional Director, South East, and his Senior HMI to be available if you wish to discuss your progress.

Yours sincerely

Amanda Spielman

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