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Mrs Alison Kerrell – Headteacher
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Dear Alison and Jane,

We were very pleased to receive the report of the recent inspection on the 23rd February 2022 at your school which judged your school as Good overall.

The report is clear that the school has much strength which includes:

- How you, as headteacher, have managed the recent logistical and staffing changes at the school and how you have responded to parental concerns regarding these. That you promote, with relentless drive, a vision for education that encompasses the academic, personal, social and emotional development of each pupil. Pupils thrive as a result and develop into well-rounded, confident pupils ready for future life.
- Governors who are very knowledgeable about the school and are very effective in holding leaders to account for the school's performance.
- Teachers who have high expectations of pupils, deliver a well considered curriculum effectively and quickly identify and support children who fall behind.
- Pupils are described as exceptionally caring, friendly and polite. They get on with one another well and pupils of all ages respect one another at school. Pupils have a strong understanding of the importance of their own learning. They are independent, resilient and resourceful. Pupils are exceptionally well prepared for their next stage of education.
- The curriculum is effectively enriched, particularly with regards to their personal development and provides good opportunities for pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.
- The vast majority of parents and carers are extremely positive about the school. Their comments capture the warm and positive ethos of the school very well.

The report is also clear that you know what needs addressing following the inspection.

It has been a most challenging time for you, your team and the school community, especially during this pandemic. We know that such a report is the outcome of huge

amount of dedication and hard work by staff, and from careful oversight by governors who give freely of their time and energy.

All the very best to you and your school community as you reflect on all the very positive comments in the report, and also as you move on to the next stages in the school's work on your journey to outstanding.

Very best wishes in the important work you do.

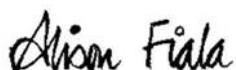
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