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Dear Andy

Inspection of Low Road Primary School

I am writing to congratulate you on the outcome of your recent graded inspection which found that the school was good in all areas.

I was pleased to read that your school is not just a place of learning but a vibrant community where pupils, supported by dedicated staff, flourish both academically and personally.

Your commitment to high aspirations for every pupil, is heartening. Your broad and engaging curriculum, enriched by activities like visits to outdoor centres and art galleries, will bring learning to life. The emphasis you place on creating a respectful and inclusive atmosphere, highlighted in the report, is reflected in the absence of incidents like bullying or inappropriate name-calling.

You must be proud that inspectors recognised your ambitious and inclusive curriculum where you cater for the needs of every pupil, including those with special educational needs. The report highlights the effectiveness of revisiting and building on prior learning, especially in subjects like computing where pupils applied knowledge from previous lessons. The emphasis on reading for pleasure, with daily story time, a welcoming school library, and targeted support for struggling readers, is impacting positively on learning. You and your team prepare children in the early years for the next stage of learning and ongoing work, by providing a solid foundation for future success.

Your commitment to developing self-esteem and confidence, evident in the varied leadership roles offered to pupils and the inspirational role models you invite into school, exemplifies your dedication to nurturing well-rounded individuals. Music's central role, with every pupil learning to play an instrument, adds a wonderful dimension to school life.

I was pleased to see the attention given to staff well-being and professional development. The collaborative spirit among colleagues from the federation, as mentioned in the report, reflects a positive and supportive work culture.

I know you will already have begun to address the areas for improvement. I am sure work is being undertaken to adjust the curriculum to address gaps in pupils' knowledge and to provide appropriate training in effective communication and modelling of language for early years staff. However, if we can do anything to support you in this, please do not hesitate to contact us at Learning Improvement.

Thank you for your determined effort, vision and hard work in making Low Road Primary School such a safe and nurturing learning environment for children.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dave Clark', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dave Clark
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